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M. W. Bro. George Moore was born in England at Wigginton, Oxford, on February 10, 1884. There he received his early training in a typical household of the English countryside, learning to fear God, honor the King and respect father and mother—the finest training in the world. There in his early youth he attended the Church of England Schools and later the Grovelands School at Reading, Berkshire.

As he grew up the desire for wider horizons and greater opportunity to see something more of the world, led him to study the advantages held out by the British Dominions. South Africa, Australia and Canada were each reviewed and he decided that Canada, with its forests, mountains, lakes and rivers and its wide open spaces had the greatest appeal. So to Canada he came at the age of nineteen, with little but the firm determination to make his own way.

He came straight through to Calgary, then in 1903 a small but growing and ambitious town, and here he found employment and finally his home. He went into the building business and many of the better houses in this city bear witness to his ability.

In August, 1911, he married Ella, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch McLean, and they have one son.

Early in 1915 he "joined up" with the 89th Overseas Battalion, but proving to be a first class instructor was transferred to the Canadian School of Musketry in which he gave valuable service during the Great War.

After the war he went on the staff of the City of Calgary, Electric Light Department, with which he continued until 1928, when on completion of the Masonic Temple he became and still is its Secretary-Manager.

While paying close attention to business, his favorite sport is fly fishing and he seeks relaxation when possible by motoring to one of the many streams and rivers within reach of Calgary.

Always a reader and a student, when he became interested in Masonry and was initiated in Calgary Lodge No. 23 in 1922, he found much that appealed to him in the tradition, history and philosophy

of the Order. Attending his lodge regularly, and taking an active part in its affairs, his ability was soon recognised and he was elected Master of the lodge in 1930, giving it such leadership that in the following year he was elected to the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge and served on many of its committees for some years. In 1936 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and in 1939 became Grand Master.

He is a member of Calgary Lodge of Perfection and Alberta Consistory of Edmonton, A. & A.S.R., and holds the rank of Honorary Inspector General 33°, Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

As Grand Master he gave the work of the office very close attention. He had to deal with some difficult problems, which he was successful in solving and his advice and assistance were always freely given to those who sought it. His visits to the District Meetings and lodges gave the members much encouragement and the services he rendered the lodges in general had a marked effect on the progress of Masonry in Alberta.

Such is the brief record of one who has always given of his best wherever he has served—never spectacular, in fact somewhat retiring and reticent, preferring the simple, quiet way of life, but accepting responsibility and decisive in action when required. In M. W. Bro. Moore, Grand Lodge may feel certain they have a Past Grand Master to whom they can turn for counsel and assistance at any time, whose interest will not flag and whose Masonic activity will in no wise be curtailed.

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The Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 12th, A.D. 1940, A.L. 5940, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies informed the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations. A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, with prayers by the Grand Chaplain for the Royal Family, the British Empire and this Dominion.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors, and requested V. W. Bro. Wilfred Horrocks, P. M. of Norwood Lodge No. 90, to act as Grand Organist at this communication.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite to retire and introduce M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill to accompany him and introduce M. W. Bro. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. These distinguished brethren were welcomed by the Grand Master, who stated that this was the first occasion that our Grand Lodge had had the privilege of a visit from a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at the Annual Communication since our formation, when the late M. W. Bro. W. G. Scott, then Grand Master of Manitoba, installed and in-

vested the officers of this Grand Lodge on October 11th 1905—almost thirty-five years ago. He also mentioned that the Grand Secretaries of the three Prairie Grand Jurisdictions were in attendance here today.

W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson, Alderman of Edmonton, was introduced by M. W. Bro. J. Martland, P.G.M., and invited by the Grand Master to a seat in the East.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, was in waiting and the Grand Master directed M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock to retire with the Grand Stewards and introduce this distinguished visitor. As His Honour entered, preceded by the Grand Stewards with the Union Jack and the Canadian Ensign, Grand Lodge was called up. He was then introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master, followed by the singing of O Canada and the National Anthem, when His Honour, escorted by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock and the Grand Director of Ceremonies took a seat in the East.

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

It was moved by R. W. Bro. S. Harris, D.G.M., seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M.,:

"That the Freemasons of the Grand Lodge of Alberta assembled in Annual Communication humbly desire at this time of stress to assure His Majesty the King of our loyal devotion to his august person and to the Empire, and that we unite our prayers with his in the sincere and fervid hope and faith that the principles of freedom and justice may be maintained and enjoyed by all the peoples of the civilized world."

The motion on being put was enthusiastically carried by a standing vote and the Grand Master ordered that the resolution be cabled through the proper channels to His Majesty the King.

MASONIC WAR EFFORT

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29) requested leave to introduce at this time a motion which he felt would be appropriate following the expression of loyalty which had just been unanimously adopted. Permission being granted he then addressed Grand Lodge, pointing out that many requests from lodges and individual members had been received in the Grand Lodge office in the past few months, first for direction as to what the lodges should do by way of aiding in Canada's war effort, and secondly recommendations and suggestions as to what Grand Lodge as a body should do.

The Board of General Purposes had given these letters and suggestions most careful consideration and on their behalf he proposed to move a resolution implementing their conclusions. He then referred to the different types of war effort that were being undertaken by various organizations throughout the country and to which the individual members of our Masonic Order were deservedly giving their hearty support. It was felt, however, that Masonry in Alberta as a body should make a contribution direct to the Dominion of Canada as a further assurance of their loyalty to British Institutions as developed in this Dominion.

Bro. Botterill's address was greeted with applause and he then moved: "That in order that our efforts may do the greatest good and

be of the greatest service to our King and Country in this hour of National Emergency, that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars cash be donated to the Minister of Finance for the Dominion of Canada towards the purchase of war supplies or equipment as in their opinion is most needed at this time."

And further, "That the sum of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars be allocated to the United Grand Lodge of England towards the expense of operating their hospitals in the care of wounded soldiers. That this sum be payable either in cash or in goods as in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of England is most desirable." The said sum of Seventy-five Hundred Dollars to be paid out of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund Account.

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), in seconding the motion, stated it had his hearty support, for such a contribution to the Government of Canada from this Masonic Body would have a marked influence for good on public opinion. He was also strongly in sympathy with the second part of the motion. He had had the privilege of visiting these Masonic hospitals when attending the celebration of the Dedication of the Masonic Temple in London. They were wonderful institutions, up-to-date in every particular and the action of the Grand Lodge of England in donating these magnificently equipped buildings to the British Government for war purposes for the duration, was characteristic of Masonry in the Old Country. It should be remembered that the Grand Lodge of England is continuing to bear the expense of maintenance and a contribution from our Grand Lodge should be considered as recognition of practical application of Masonic benevolence. (Applause).

The motion was then put and unanimously and enthusiastically carried.

(NOTE.—On behalf of the Dominion Government, the Minister of Finance has acknowledged with thanks the cash donation of \$5,000.00 for war purposes, appreciating the spirit of loyalty which inspired the gift.

At the time of going to press, grateful acknowledgment has also been received from the United Grand Lodge of England and the Royal Masonic Hospital for the cash donation of \$2,500.00.)

HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The M. W. the Grand Master called on His Honour, Bro. J. C. Bowen to address Grand Lodge, who spoke as follows:
"M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

"First of all I want to thank Grand Lodge for their motion expressing loyalty to the person of His Majesty the King. I am sure the resolution, which will be forwarded through the proper channels, will be received with great gratification that we are remembering him in this very trying hour. I think Mr. Lloyd George very aptly expressed the sentiments of the people in the last war in the House of Commons, when the question was raised as to the value of the services of Their Majesties in the Realm. Their Majesties are constantly on the move throughout the Old Country visiting factories and shipbuilding yards, munition works, mixing with the people in all walks of life and speaking words of encouragement and cheer to those confined to hospitals. Thus they are rendering a real service to the country in their own quiet way.

"I wish to congratulate you on your generosity in the vote just made, of a donation to the Dominion Government for war purposes, and to thank you in the name of this Province and also of the Dominion for this very tangible expression of loyalty to His Majesty. There is a real work to be done and by thus showing our willingness to share in this great struggle, by such gifts for necessary war supplies and in the sending of our young men, we will maintain those high ideals for which you as Masons continually strive.

"During the visit of Their Majesties to this Province last year I talked with the King on the possibilities of war and I know he is a peace-loving sovereign. He told me that his government would do everything possible to maintain peace but at the same time they would see that the rights and liberties of the smaller nations of the world would be respected and protected against powerful aggressors.

"Once more let me thank you for your manifestations of loyalty to our King and Queen, which I know will be greatly appreciated by them."

His Honour was thanked by the Grand Master for his message and attendance here today. Escorted by M. W. Bro. Blackstock and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Lieutenant-Governor then retired from the lodge room.

CIVIC WELCOME

Alderman, W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson, welcomed Grand Lodge to the City of Edmonton as follows:

"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"It is a very great pleasure, in the absence of His Worship, Mayor Fry, to welcome to the City of Edmonton my brethren of Alberta. I also particularly wish to welcome the distinguished visitors from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and it is very gratifying that both these Grand Jurisdictions have seen fit to send us of their best to participate with us in this our Thirty-fifth Annual Communication. I extend to each and every one of you the freedom of the City of Edmonton.

"These are very trying days through which the world is passing, and we have reason to be very proud of our democratic institutions, particularly when you consider that with few exceptions, in Europe such a gathering is prohibited. The fact that we are able to meet and carry on our deliberations openly is most gratifying, and we should continue to foster the spirit of friendship, harmony and peace—a peace not won at the sacrifice of our democratic institutions, but a peace worthy of our ancient brethren and the trying times through which they passed.

"M. W. Bro. Moore is concluding a year as head of this Masonic Jurisdiction, a year which I am sure will go down as one of the most outstanding in the annals of Masonic history in the Province of Alberta, and I wish, M. W. Sir, to personally congratulate you.

"I trust that your deliberations will result in a most successful and profitable communication."

The Grand Master replied thanking W. Bro. Paterson for his cordial welcome.

REDEDICATION OF VOLUME OF SACRED LAW OF GRAND LODGE OF RHODE ISLAND

At this time the Grand Master directed the attention of Grand Lodge to the Volume of the Sacred Law lying open on the altar, stating it was the property of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, F. & A.M. Since 1936, when it was first dedicated at their Annual Communication, it has been passed from Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge, no less than 43 in the United States having rededicated this Sacred Book at their Annual Communications. At the Two-hundredth Anniversary of the founding of Freemasonry in Canada on July 11th, 1938, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia rededicated it on that occasion. It has now come to Western Canada and was rededicated by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, from whom it has been received by our Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master then called upon the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. A. D. Currie, to proceed with the ceremony, and the Grand Chaplain took his station at the altar. Grand Lodge was called up and a solemn invocation and dedicatory prayers were offered, followed by the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" sung by the assembled brethren.

The Grand Master announced that the Sacred Volume would remain open on the altar during the sessions of Grand Lodge, following which it would be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for a similar ceremony at their Annual Communication next week.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-fourth Annual Communication, held in the City of Calgary, on June 14th and 15th, 1930, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

Telegrams of fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Vermont and New Hampshire, and also sent to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, who were meeting at this time.

Telegrams and letters conveying best wishes for a successful communication and regrets at their inability to attend were received from the following members of Grand Lodge:

M. W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, P.G.M., (London, Ont.); M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M., (Winnipeg); M. W. Bro. J. T. MacDonald, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7; R. W. Bro. D. Drinnan, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9; R. W. Bro. R. E. Campbell, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 13; R. W. Bro. W. B. Dunlop, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 14; R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel, Grand Rep. G. L. Victoria; and R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone, Grand Rep. G. L. New Mexico.

R. W. Bro. W. Betts (58) informed Grand Lodge that M. W. Bro. Canon S. H. Middleton was now in hospital at Cardston and would be incapacitated for some time, otherwise he would certainly have been present at this communication.

It was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That Grand Lodge extend its sympathy and regrets at the absence of M. W. Bro. Middleton."

Grand Master's Address

My Dear Brethren:

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend fraternal greetings and a hearty welcome to each one of you to this Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Once again it is our pleasure and privilege to meet in the Capital City of Edmonton, a city which has played no mean part in the development of this Province and which, as the gateway to the rich northlands, no one can doubt has a still greater future ahead of it—a city which many of us whose lot it is to live elsewhere, have come to regard with sincere affection and its Masonic brethren with deep fraternal respect.

Those of us who over a period of years have attended our annual communications, know with what warmth of feeling we look forward to these gatherings, to the many happy associations of bygone days and to the many more we hope yet to come.

To those Masters and Wardens who are attending Grand Lodge for the first time I extend a special welcome and I trust you will find much to interest you and help you in the performance of your duties. As a result of our deliberations I sincerely hope that we may all take away with us a sense of the importance and dignity of the Craft, that the progress of Freemasonry in this province will be advanced and that the doctrine of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will become a more vital factor in our daily lives.

May I express a feeling of gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, in which I am sure you join, that we live in a land in which we are free to hold our assemblies, in which we enjoy freedom of speech and freedom of conscience, are able to meet as brothers and engage in those age old Masonic practices and ceremonies dear to the hearts of Masons everywhere, realizing that our brethren in less favored lands have been thrown into prison, oppressed and robbed of life itself. Truly, my brethren, we have much to be thankful for.

Since our last communication, Canada, in common with all the nations of the British Commonwealth, has been plunged into war—a war not of our seeking, but forced on us by the cruel and insensate lust for power of men who seek world domination, showing themselves as ruthless and unscrupulous foes whose hands are not restrained by any considerations of honor, mercy or compassion, and from whom small nations incapable of defending themselves can look for neither justice or mercy. Masonry, like every other institution, suffers from the effects of war and we cannot hope to escape the evils attendant on the present conflict. Later in the present session we shall consider what steps should be taken to render such service as we are capable of making in the very grave situation in which we find ourselves.

A year ago you honored me with the greatest gift in your power to bestow in electing me Grand Master, and it now becomes my duty to give an account of my stewardship. It has been in many ways a very happy year. The close contacts one makes with the Craft are

treasured memories. Whilst fully conscious of my incapacity to accomplish what I wished to do, I have to the best of my ability worked at all times with the single idea of doing what is best for the Craft. In laying down the gavel may I assure you that I am deeply grateful for the many kindnesses extended to me by the brethren everywhere and the very great honor of having been your Grand Master is one of which I am deeply sensible. The feeling of gratitude and obligation will last while life endures.

NECROLOGY

The passing of His Excellency Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfeld, our Governor General, on February 11th last, was keenly regretted by Canadians in all walks of life, as apart from his high office his very human qualities and understanding endeared him to the hearts of everyone. His whole life was an example of hard work and application, which eventually brought its reward, for his success in the field of literature is well known. Later his talents were devoted to the service of Empire and his term of office as Governor General will go down in Canadian history as a time when ideals and statesmanship went hand in hand to the Glory of God and the benefit of mankind and Canada in particular.

Through the medium of the Bulletin I requested each lodge to inscribe on their minute book some tribute to the memory of Lord Tweedsmuir, as the direct representative of His Majesty.

I caused the following message of sympathy to be sent to Lady Tweedsmuir and family, which was forwarded through the Lieutenant-Governor, His Honour Bro. J. C. Bowen:

February 14, 1940.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Lyman Duff,
Administrator,
Dominion of Canada,
Ottawa.

Rt. Hon. Sir:

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., on behalf of its twelve thousand members, desires to express profound sympathy with Her Excellency, Lady Tweedsmuir and her family in the great sorrow that has come to them in the loss of a husband and father, who as Governor-General of this Dominion won such a high place in the esteem and regard of its people, that the bonds of union between Canada, the Old Land and the other Dominions have been immeasurably strengthened.

Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,
Grand Secretary.

In due course the following reply was received:

J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Esq., P.G.M.,
Grand Secretary,
The Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I am instructed by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to advise you that the following despatch has been received from the Honourable The Secretary of State:

"I have the honour by direction to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of February 15th, with which you enclosed a message of sympathy from the Masons of Alberta.

"The Acting Secretary of State will be grateful if Your Honour will kindly inform the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., that the message of sympathy expressed on behalf of the twelve thousand members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta has been communicated to Lady Tweedsmuir and the members of her family, who received with deep gratitude the sincere expression of esteem and sorrow which it contained."

I have, etc.

(Sgd.) E. H. COLEMAN,

Under Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. DACRE,

Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Death, to whom we all must bow, has made heavy inroads on our membership this year. Many familiar faces have gone to their last long rest and we shall know them no more. To their relatives we extend our deepest sympathy and condolence and their memories we will treasure in our hearts.

*Dark hills at evening in the west
Where sunset hovers like a sound
Of golden horns that sang to rest
Old bones of warriors under ground.
Far now from all the bannered ways
Where flash the legions of the sun,
You fade, as if the last of days
Were fading, and all wars were done.*

Elsewhere suitable reference is made by the Grand Chaplain.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

Early in the year this Grand Lodge was honored with an invitation to send representatives to London to attend the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. As it did not seem possible to accept this invitation,

we were about to write expressing our regrets when it was learned that M. W. Bro. George W. Kerby intended visiting the Old Land and would be pleased to represent us at the ceremony of installation. Credentials were therefore prepared and M. W. Bro. Kerby duly commissioned to represent the Grand Lodge of Alberta. His report will appear in our Proceedings and on behalf of Grand Lodge I thank M. W. Bro. Kerby for his co-operation. That we were worthily represented goes without saying, and it is a matter of deep gratification that our Grand Lodge was thus privileged on this historic occasion.

INVITATIONS

Invitations were received last year to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Regina, the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and the Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Letters of appreciation and regret at our inability to attend were sent to these Grand Bodies.

The Conference of Grand Masters, meeting in Washington, D.C., also extended to me an invitation to be present. The invitation to Canadian Grand Masters and to this Grand Lodge in particular to attend this annual conference is much appreciated and it was with deep regret that I was obliged to decline, as many matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft come up for frank and free discussion at this gathering.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

It was my privilege, in company with the Grand Secretary, to accept the cordial invitation of our mother Grand Lodge to attend their Annual Communication in Winnipeg on June 5th and 6th.

This was the first occasion on which our Grand Secretary has been able to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, from which he held the Grand Master's commission as D.D.G.M. in 1904 of Masonic District No. 10, which then included several lodges in the southern part of this jurisdiction and Maple Creek, in what is now Saskatchewan.

In return, it gives me great pleasure to welcome to our Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, together with his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

From the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan also, we have the privilege of greeting as honored guests on this occasion M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

The condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction of Alberta is most encouraging and I have no hesitation in saying it is steadily improving. It is quite true that we have experienced several years of depression, but nevertheless the lodges appear, with one or two exceptions, to be making steady progress and are carrying on the business of Masonry in a satisfactory manner.

While it is true that we have taken in almost a hundred more initiates than in the previous year, which has given us great encouragement, I regret to say that death, dimission and suspension has more than offset this gain. In this connection it should be remembered that 35 years ago this Grand Lodge started in this western land with

a comparatively young average membership, and it now finds that death is making inroads to a very considerable extent.

Financially the Craft is prospering. The reduction of initiation fees in many lodges may have been a factor in the increased number of young men applying for membership, which at the moment shows no signs of abating; but with the country at war it is natural to suppose that many promising young men who would have been candidates in the ordinary course of events, will be proceeding overseas and applications will consequently drop.

In visiting many lodges I was somewhat shocked to discover that the lectures were omitted or postponed to a future date, while in some cases it was freely admitted they were never given. I feel that a candidate who has not received the lectures has received only part of the degree and that this is very bad practise. In many foreign jurisdictions a candidate who has not received the lectures at the time he was obligated is considered an irregularly made Mason. Masters of lodges should see that their candidates receive the full degree to which they are justly entitled and which is authorized by Grand Lodge.

There are some Masters, who perhaps owing to the distance they reside from lodge, only learn what business is to come before the lodge on the night of the meeting. There are also some Secretaries who apparently open their mail only on lodge night. I feel that this is detrimental to the best interests of the lodge and that Masters and Secretaries should be in close touch with each other, as matters of urgency frequently arise between meetings which it is desirable to consider at the earliest possible moment and not await a meeting of the lodge.

There are many lodges, who desiring to amend their By-laws, simply take the Standard Code of By-laws as issued by Grand Lodge and adopt them in their entirety, without thought as to the particular requirements of their own lodge. The average lodge can get along very well with twenty or twenty-five sections instead of the seventy-five of the Standard By-laws. Moreover, the Standard By-laws are in some sections at variance with the Constitution, which is amended from year to year, and this should be carefully considered when a lodge adopts such for their by-laws.

The practice of inter-lodge visitation appears to be strongly maintained and I wish to commend this most heartily, believing that it stimulates interest and is a considerable factor in fostering goodwill amongst the brethren.

One lodge, I am happy to say, undertook to furnish a ward in their local hospital and I congratulate them on their sense of community service. It is such thoughtful acts on the part of a lodge that promotes good feeling in the community.

Representations were made to me by the D.D.G.M. of a district, concerning the welfare of one of his lodges. Over a period of years the officers of the lodge have permitted some of their members to be in arrears of dues, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, until at the time it was drawn to my attention almost 50 per cent of the lodge's membership were in arrears. Investigation showed that the provisions of the Constitution in regard to suspension had not

been complied with and I ordered that all such must be immediately reported and advised of their suspension. I also ordered a special meeting of the lodge and in company with the D.D.G.M. and other Grand Officers visited them. The whole matter was thoroughly gone into and the lodge was impressed with the importance of attending to their finances, on the success of which the operation of the lodge depends.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

I was pleased to approve of the amalgamation of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109 at Mirror with Ionic Lodge No. 45 at Alix, which received official effect on May 16th last. The amalgamation of these two lodges was carried out in a very business like manner and I feel that the new arrangements will result in a step forward in Masonry in the district.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I was fortunate in being able, in company with the Grand Secretary, to visit all the seventeen District Meetings. In general they were well attended and a spirit of harmony and fraternal fellowship prevailed.

It was gratifying to note that the Grand Lodge Bulletin received much favorable comment and it was also noted with pleasure that many of the lodges were supplying their entire membership with copies. In others non-resident members were supplied, while in still others individual members subscribed.

From time to time recommendations are received from the D.D.G.M.'s that certain lodges in their district be transferred to other districts, or that certain districts be divided and new ones created, and it would appear that here and there are good reasons for the recommendations. At the same time the brethren are reminded that a few years ago a committee was appointed to consider this matter, and after two years of effort could arrive at no satisfactory conclusion. However, this year a lodge having given due notice of motion at the District Meeting of their desire to be transferred from one district to another, and the matter having been approved at the meetings of both districts concerned, the D.D.G.M.'s obtained the approval of all the lodges in these two districts and the request will be presented at this Annual Communication for approval.

In the very nature of things District Meetings vary to a considerable extent; roads, crops, weather and geographic location are all contributing factors to their success or otherwise. However, one could not but be impressed with the idea that they serve a most useful purpose. Some were of a distinctly high order and I personally found much useful instruction and interest in these meetings. To the hard working Deputies who year in and year out go about this province on the business of Masonry, in all weathers, at their own expense, I pay sincere tribute, and no Grand Master has been better served in this respect than I. Is there a lodge in trouble, no distance is too great or effort too much to help out, and to that loyal body of officers, the District Deputies, who have served with me, I say most sincerely, thank you Brethren.

MASONIC WAR EFFORT

With the outbreak of war your Grand Officers were deeply concerned about the welfare of those of our members joining His Majesty's Forces and who would in due course be going overseas. A number of resolutions were forwarded to the Grand Lodge office by lodges, making a variety of suggestions as to a Masonic war effort. It was felt, however, that before anything was done in this regard, and especially in view of the probability of the war being of long duration, that the matter should be fully canvassed and properly presented to Grand Lodge for approval.

In view of the large number of special appeals now being made to the public, it was felt that any special effort by Grand Lodge should be carefully considered. With this end in view, I had the Grand Secretary communicate with all the Grand Lodges in Canada, inquiring as to what they were doing, and with one exception no action had been taken, pending their Annual Communications. Most of them felt that the various war efforts now under way were being participated in by individual members of the Fraternity to a very large extent and that there was no immediate need for any official Masonic effort. One Grand Lodge, through their Finance Committee, had contributed to the Red Cross and others were considering making similar recommendations.

Soon after the start of the war a communication was received from Canada Lodge in London, England, asking for the names, units and regimental numbers of all our members proceeding overseas, on receipt of which they proposed getting in touch with them and extending fraternal courtesies. I was very pleased to circularize our lodges, requesting that they advise the Grand Lodge office when their soldier members left for Overseas, and this information is duly forwarded to Canada Lodge. As most of you are aware, Canada Lodge is a sponsor of the famous Beaver Club in London, where a hearty welcome is extended to all Canadian soldiers, and we are advised that a number of our brethren have already enjoyed the hospitality of this well known lodge.

One suggestion has come from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, himself a returned soldier more than usually well informed on their problems. This suggestion is that as the war progresses and until its final termination, there will be an ever increasing number of disabled men, widows and orphans who will be fit subjects for Masonic consideration, and that we might well consider the possibility of having to take care of many of such in the days to come. He feels that it might be a good thing, in view of the large number of charities already soliciting subscriptions, for this and other Grand Lodges to earnestly consider some form of post war work as their contribution. I feel that this is a worthwhile suggestion, and before committing ourselves to the financial support of some particular war charity, we should give this our careful consideration.

One thing that I would recommend, is that each lodge set up a committee to keep in touch with its overseas members by writing to them regularly and making such little contributions as will add to their comfort as the lodge feels it can.

Other suggestions will no doubt come up for your consideration from the Board of General Purposes.

UNAUTHORIZED CIRCULARS

A lodge having taken issue with the decision of Grand Lodge concerning a revised ritual, without the knowledge or consent of your Grand Master circularized the lodges using this ritual, protesting the action of Grand Lodge. As this was contrary to the customs and usages of the Craft, and so far as this Grand Lodge is concerned was a very serious attempt on the part of the said lodge to question its authority, I ordered that the offending circular be immediately recalled and all copies sent to the Grand Lodge office, with which order the lodge complied.

Later, I called a special meeting of this lodge, which I attended with the Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Work and other Grand Officers and the matter was thoroughly gone into. The lodge expressed its regret that it had unwittingly broken the traditions of Freemasonry and wrote the lodges concerned accordingly. I have therefore deemed the matter closed.

A brother having published a book dealing with Freemasonry, circularized the lodges concerning the same. The said circular prominently displayed the name of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., on the letterhead, which gave the impression to many lodges that it was authorized by Grand Lodge, although it was sent without our knowledge or authority. I therefore ordered the brother to recall the offending circular and apologise for having used the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, which order was duly complied with.

These unauthorized circulars have caused much confusion in the minds of officers of lodges and considerable trouble and worry to your Grand Lodge Officers. They are detrimental to the best interests of the Craft and such are not permitted in any Grand Jurisdiction that I know of. I do not feel that Grand Lodge should be called upon to be continually put to the expense of dealing with such unasonic documents and measures should be adopted to prohibit the same. A resolution with regard to the matter is being presented at this communication for your endorsement and support.

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

A lodge having balloted favorably on the application for initiation of two candidates was persuaded to confer the first degree on the applicants by a few members hurriedly called without the statutory seven days notice to all members of the lodge. On a member of the lodge bringing this to my attention, I reprimanded the Master, declared the proceedings null and void and ordered that proper notice be sent out and the degree conferred in a regular manner.

I granted permission for a lodge to confer the third degree on a brother, who after obtaining his second degree had become blind.

A lodge whose regular installation date was in December, passed a resolution at its March meeting, after due notice, to amend their by-laws changing the date of installation to June. This amendment was not forwarded to the then Grand Master for his approval and six months having elapsed before any action was taken, I deemed it in the best interests of the lodge that they confirm this amendment at a regular meeting before approval was given by me.

In the case of a brother who was applying for life membership in his lodge, who had been under suspension for a period of three years, I ruled that the payment of an amount equal to dues for this period could not cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken, and that he was not eligible for life membership under the by-laws of the lodge, on the terms claimed.

SUSPENSION U.M.C.

I regret that it was necessary to discipline a brother, Secretary of a lodge, who in the course of correspondence wrote in a contemptuous and insulting manner of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge and refused to apologise for the same, by summarily suspending him from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry until this communication of Grand Lodge. The case has been referred to the Board of General Purposes.

DISPENSATIONS

The usual dispensations were issued by me and are listed by the Grand Secretary in his report.

Special permission was granted to re-open a lodge, a few minutes after it had been closed, in order to confer the third degree, of which notice had been given, on a candidate who had travelled a long distance, some 135 miles, and owing to road conditions had unavoidably been delayed.

A number of requests have been received for dispensations to confer degrees within the constitutional time on candidates who have enlisted, or to ballot on applications from such within the constitutional two months time for investigation. Feeling that many of these did not warrant the haste indicated and that the Constitution should be adhered to, I refused to grant dispensations in any but exceptional cases.

A request for a special dispensation was received from a lodge to receive and act on the petition of an applicant who was not yet 21 years of age, but who was a sergeant in the army and would be leaving for overseas before he reached his majority. A very careful inquiry was made and in view of the special circumstances and high regard in which the applicant was held, I granted the necessary permission.

LODGE VISITATIONS

One of the privileges and pleasures of the Grand Master is to visit from time to time at lodges by special invitation, and where some effort has been made to assemble a number of lodges, the pleasure is enhanced by the knowledge that one is reaching members of these lodges that perhaps it otherwise might be impossible to do. It has been my good fortune to attend a number of these gatherings, which I trust were enjoyed by the brethren as much as by myself. I feel that this practice is worthy of every encouragement. When your Grand Officers are invited to attend a lodge, the purposes of Masonry can be advanced to a very considerable extent by inviting the neighboring lodges to be present, and where, as in some cases, the evening is devoted to a fraternal gathering in which friendly discussion occupies the larger part of the program, the greatest good is accomplished.

My first visit was naturally to my mother lodge on June 16th when the officers and members of Calgary Lodge No. 23 honored me with a gift of a silver mounted gavel, which will be preserved as a treasured memento of the occasion.

On July 4th I visited Spitzie Lodge No. 6 at Pincher Creek, at which a large number of Masons from the Crows Nest Pass were present to do honor to those members of the lodge who were over 70 years of age. It was surprising the number of such present, including our R. W. Grand Secretary, who answered the roll call. May these veterans long live to enjoy their fraternal association.

While in District No. 13 for the District Meeting, I visited Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 on August 4th, at which a large number were present, and on August 7th Peace River, which lodge had not been visited by a Grand Master for over ten years. Some fourteen lodges were represented here and a most enjoyable meeting was held.

I also accepted an invitation to visit Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R. B.C. at Dawson Creek, in what is known as the Peace River Block, when the warmest and most enthusiastic welcome was extended to your Grand Officers. This is an isolated lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and by reason of geographical location finds itself closer to the lodges of our Peace River district than any of its own jurisdiction. The warmest fraternal associations have existed between this lodge and our own, and it was therefore with much pleasure that I found myself able to visit and spend an hour with the good brethren of Dawson Creek.

On September 19th Lochearn Lodge No. 151 at Rocky Mountain House celebrated the opening of their comfortable new lodge hall, which I was pleased to attend.

November 4th I visited Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary; November 7th, Corinthian No. 22, Okotoks, and November 14th, Bassano, where some eleven lodges were represented and again this was the first visit of a Grand Master for many years.

January 8th I attended Lodge Renfrew No. 134 in Calgary and on February 16th Calgary Lodge No. 23. On March 14th Ashlar Lodge No. 28 was visited; March 19th, Cairo No. 32 at Claresholm and April 23rd, Crescent No. 87, Calgary.

On May 20th I attended the Tenth Annual Empire Night celebrated by Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton. Starting in a modest way ten years ago, this has now become one of the outstanding meetings in this jurisdiction, perhaps in Western Canada, and is well worth the effort. Great credit is due to the lodge officers and to M. W. Bro. John Martland in their increasingly successful endeavors. We were favored with the presence of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and His Worship Mayor Fry.

On May 21st, the following evening, I attended at Red Deer what has now become an informal annual meeting of the lodges within reach of that city. This meeting is arranged jointly by the two Red Deer lodges and besides providing for the fraternal intercourse of the brethren, enables the Grand Master to address a large number of the members from the surrounding district. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

I attended the following Installations of Officers: December 15th, Calgary Lodge No. 23; on December 27th a joint installation of Crossfield No. 48, Carstairs No. 20 and King Hiram No. 21, at Crossfield, while on December 29th another joint installation at Olds of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Bowden No. 42 and Innisfail No. 8. A splendid attendance was noticeable at both these installations.

I wish to express my appreciation for the warm welcome given to me and the accompanying Grand Officers on each and every occasion and it was with deep regret that I found myself unable to accept all of the many invitations that were received.

INTERESTING AND HISTORIC EVENT

The brethren will remember that last year the Grand Master by special dispensation granted Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 permission to hold a special meeting well within the Arctic Circle, to initiate Bro. E. J. Walli, who was manager of the Eldorado Gold Mines. In due course the meeting was held and his initiation carried out. Later Bro. Walli journeyed to Edmonton where he received his Fellowcraft degree. Now time and circumstances have removed Bro. Walli to British East Africa, where it is expected he will receive his Master Mason degree in the near future. Up to date Bro. Walli's Masonic career appears to be unique in Masonic history.

Recently I was advised by W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett, who was the Acting Worshipful Master at Bro. Walli's initiation, that it is his desire and those associated with him, including the famous aviator, Bro. "Wop" May, to again visit this Masonically historic spot in the far north and erect a concrete cairn on which will be placed a bronze plaque, setting forth the particulars of the first regular Masonic meeting held by a chartered lodge north of the Arctic Circle.

This would appear to be a fitting sequel to an interesting and historic event.

FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL

Two lodges made application for the jewel for presentation to their members. As the die was not available at the time the request was made, permission was granted them to prepare jewels with their own lodge seal as the design.

Grand Lodge when considering this jewel authorized sterling silver at an approximate cost of \$15.00. Several lodges have written suggesting they prefer a silver gilt jewel at a cost of about \$19.00, while some requested bronze. Permission could not be granted to these lodges to obtain jewels of these metals as they were not authorized.

Inasmuch as the cost of the jewels is borne by the lodges ordering the same, I would recommend that they be permitted to order the jewel in one of these three metals, as decided by the lodge.

APPRECIATION

Let a Grand Master be ever so enthusiastic and willing to shoulder the burdens of office, he is nevertheless dependent to a very large extent on those members whose duty it is to assist him in carrying on the work of Grand Lodge. Among the many, I would especially men-

tion M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, who as Editor of the Bulletin and a member of the Board of Benevolence is tireless and unremitting in his services. Thanks are also due to R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, as Chairman of the Finance Committee. To R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland, President of the Board of Benevolence, I wish to offer my sincere appreciation. This Board is probably the most important and hard-working committee of Grand Lodge. Month by month, without break, it looks after the needs of your beneficiaries and no case is too small and no trouble too much for Bro. Ireland to investigate at the regular meetings or between times in a most sympathetic and considerate manner. The many letters on file are a tribute to the President and the members of this Board.

To our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, I wish to express my most sincere thanks for the great help which he has rendered me during the past year. His kindly cheerful disposition, coupled with his extensive knowledge of the customs and usages of the Craft is an ever flowing well from which your Grand Masters can draw inspiration and assistance, and to him I owe an everlasting debt of gratitude.

To the Deputy Grand Master, who gave ten days of his time to accompany me on my visit to the lodges in the Peace River district, and to the Grand Wardens, R. W. Bros. Ellis and Galbraith, who have accompanied me whenever it was possible to do so, and also to many others who have rendered help and assistance, I extend my sincere thanks.

CONCLUSION

Reviewing world conditions it is apparent even to the most casually minded individual that we are living in a state of world chaos, of mistrust, of broken promises—a world where even our most sacred and cherished beliefs are being questioned, faith in a Supreme Being not only ridiculed, but in many countries made an offence—a world where might is held to be right and no man can tell where we go from here or what the end will be. One is forced to the conclusion that civilization in many countries is almost eclipsed; large areas of the world's surface and many millions of its inhabitants live under sadistic forms of government unknown even in the dark ages.

It goes without saying that Freemasonry in such places no longer exists, but has been torn up root and branch. Democracy has disappeared and newer and more dangerous forms of government have taken its place. As Freemasons we must ask ourselves the questions: "What are we doing about it? What can we do about it? Can Freemasonry help in the present circumstances in which we find ourselves?" If not we must seriously consider if Freemasonry can survive. My answer to this is an emphatic "Yes". If the world is in a bad way it is because man has brought about these conditions. A distinguished American ex-President stated not long ago: "Our economic life has progressed far in advance of our spiritual development and that these conditions would not improve until man had restored the balance".

Here, then, is Masonry's mission—not a new one by any means, for it is not the mission of Masonry to constantly seek fresh objectives. Masonry is an old and tried institution that throughout the ages has dealt in human values and I have a deep and abiding faith in its ability to survive. It does not tell men how they must vote, or to what faith

they shall adhere, but it does insist on a belief in a Supreme Being. It teaches that all men are brothers; it inculcates the Golden Rule—Do unto others as you would they should do unto you—the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. It instructs them in the principles of the Four Cardinal Virtues, it sets forth the beauty of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and holds out the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Having placed before him and forcibly impressed upon him in the most solemn manner the vital facts of life, it expects him to think and act for himself and to follow his own convictions. Is all goodness to perish from the earth? Surely not. These principles are as immutable as the everlasting hills. Freemasonry builds its monument in the hearts of men, and will not easily be destroyed.

Nevertheless, Masons must not live on the traditions of a glorious past. If our ancient brethren built up and handed on to us a great Order, it is ours to maintain and strive to fit to present day requirements, and in this every man must do his part. Let us not forget that our generation is the one that God has chosen to deal with present day problems and if that is the case, let us strive manfully to overcome evil and enthrone right. Masons are from their earliest connection with the Order told to put their trust in God, and so I close with a part of the quotation used recently by our Gracious King: "Go out into the darkness and place your hand into the hand of God, sure that it will be better than light, and safer than the known way". So shall Masonry live, and peace come to your soul. So mote it be.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Master

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 o'clock noon.

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:20 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Edmonton, June 12th 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We pause for a few moments in our deliberations to render tribute to the memory of those of our brethren who have passed away during the last twelve months.

As the years roll by and each Annual Communication is held, many of our brethren are missing from their places, some of these familiar names in Grand Lodge, but each in his own circle has contributed to Masonry and has had a share in the development of this Province.

We mourn the loss of no less than one hundred and forty-eight of our members, whose names will be recorded in our Proceedings. A few may be specially mentioned:

R. W. Bro. John Raper, P.D.D.G.M. and P.G.C., died on December 22nd last at Bashaw. He was an active member of two lodges in this jurisdiction, Fidelity No. 76 and Cavell No. 125 and was well known as a Masonic student and speaker. A medical doctor by profession, he served with the C.E.F. in the Great War.

V. W. Bro. John Brown, P.S.G.D., for many years was a member of Sentinel Lodge No. 26. He was General Manager of the Hillcrest Mines but on removal to Calgary he affiliated with Perfection Lodge No. 9. He died while making an extended trip in search of health, on his arrival in San Francisco from the Panama, at the age of seventy-six.

Bro. Wm. A. Beebe of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore, one of the oldest Masons in Alberta, died at the age of ninety-one in August last. This brother had been sixty-nine years a Mason and for many of these years was Treasurer of his lodge and a faithful attendant. He was widely known in the district and his passing was deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends.

Since the close of the year, the death of three Past Grand Officers has been reported: R. W. Bro. A. Scott Peebles of Joppa Lodge No. 40, Granum, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. A. C. Lakie of Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge, P.D.D.G.M.; and V. W. Bro. W. C. L. Cooper of Cresset Lodge No. 136, Barons. These brethren were active in their lodges and will be greatly missed by the members.

It will be noted in looking over the Memorial Pages that many of our lodges have suffered serious loss, several of them reporting four,

five and six deaths during the year—evidence of the toll taken by the passage of time.

Twenty-one Grand Lodges reported the passing of Past Grand Masters, while Minnesota and New Brunswick suffered the loss of their Grand Masters and Oregon reported the death of their Senior Grand Warden. Notice of the death of M. W. Bro. F. W. Hamilton of Massachusetts has just been received. He was Grand Secretary for twenty-five years.

M. W. Bro. Dr. James S. Henderson, P.G.M. of British Columbia, in the early days was a resident of Calgary and a member of Bow River Lodge. The news of his death at the age of eighty-two was received with regret by many of our older members here.

Then, too, some of us remember M. W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who visited Calgary to attend a Conference of Grand Masters during M. W. Bro. Bowes' year. He died in Brandon at the age of seventy-eight.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts also suffered a serious loss in the death of W. Bro. Jacob Hugo Tatsch, Director of Education and Librarian of that Grand Lodge, who was widely known as a Masonic authority and writer of distinction. He died at London, England, where he had gone to attend the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master.

The sympathy and regret of this Grand Lodge is extended to all these Grand Jurisdictions who have been thus bereaved.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time."

May the Great Architect grant them Peace for evermore.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER D. CURRIE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. D. Currie (48), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master having called for nominations for the office of Grand Master, the Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, D. G.M. The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Edmonton, June 12th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Regular quarterly meetings of this committee, all of which were well attended by the resident members, were duly held and all matters connected with the business operation of Grand Lodge were given careful consideration.

It will be noted that while there is a net decrease in membership of eighty-two recorded, it is even smaller than that of last year, which was the smallest recorded in ten years. The financial standing of the lodges continues to show a marked improvement and at the end of our financial year only three lodges were in arrears for dues. At the present time two of these have paid up, while the third has substantially reduced its indebtedness. This improved condition is no doubt due in part to the change of our fiscal year end to April 30th.

The system of budgeting for the expenses of Grand Lodge adopted last year seems to have worked out satisfactorily and has been found a distinct advantage in the operation of the office and to your committee in their quarterly examination of the receipts and expenditures.

Your auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and audited the same. His report and financial statements are in your hands, which it will be noted cover a period of fourteen months.

Investments—All securities of Grand Lodge have been regularly inspected at the Bank, and there has been no change in the investments during the year.

Revenue Account shows a net surplus of \$437.12, after receiving the allowance of \$1,000.00 from the Relief Fund, from which it will be readily seen that Grand Lodge is keeping within the authorized expenditure. It was not necessary to borrow any money for printing of the York Rite Rituals or for the reprinting of the Constitution which was contemplated last year, the cost being less than was anticipated.

Your committee would impress upon Grand Lodge the very grave conditions which exist nationally and internationally, which are bound to affect our affairs in this jurisdiction. Therefore, it is hoped that the Craft as a whole will not make demands on their Grand Lodge Officers involving added expense, and that the lodges will so govern their own affairs that only very necessary outlays are undertaken. It is a time for careful conserving of all our resources which may be required for the successful prosecution of the war.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Last year two new regalias for Grand Officers were purchased. It will be remembered that in the previous year, owing to heavy expenses no replacements were made and now it is necessary to replace at least four, for which we have made allowance in our budget.

It is recommended that the contract for printing the Annual Proceedings be awarded again to the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, at the same quotation as last year.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 and his travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

A budget prepared for the ensuing year, twelve months ending April 30th, 1941, is presented herewith, which we recommend be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BUDGET - 1940-1941

12 months

REVENUE - GENERAL FUND

Membership fees	\$ 8,200.00
Initiation fees	500.00
Certificate fees	700.00
Dispensations	140.00
Affiliation fees	125.00
Allowance from Relief Fund	1,000.00
	\$10,665.00

EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND

Salaries (Including Auditor)	\$ 5,050.00
Rent	1,140.00
Telephone and Telegrams	130.00
Postage and Express	350.00
Janitor Service	150.00
Office Supplies	75.00
Exchange	50.00
Printing	1,250.00
Insurance	40.50
R. & E. Committee and G. L. Bulletin Printing	75.00
Grand Master's Expense	800.00
Grand Officers' Expense	400.00
Annual Communication, Edmonton	350.00
Miscellaneous Expense	140.00
Grand Master's Presentation Regalia	200.00
Grand Officers' Regalia replacements	300.00
Die for Fifty-year Jewel	100.00
	\$10,600.00

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Master requested the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to come forward. Each then presented greetings from their respective Grand Lodges and were welcomed by the Grand Master, who in requesting them to convey his greetings and those of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges they represented, referred especially to those which had been suppressed by brute force. He expressed the deep sympathy of all Masons with the misfortunes that had overtaken Masonry in these countries and hoped that in due time, with the restoration of peace, it would again contribute as before to the life of the people.

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, replied for the representatives as follows:
"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"On behalf of this little group representing Freemasonry in the last great strongholds of Democracy, I extend sincere thanks for your kindly words of greeting.

"We believe that in the present stress our appearance here is more than a mere ceremonial, but is indeed evidence of the unity of the Craft.

"Your especially sympathetic words to brethren in Jurisdictions where for the time the lights burn low is gratefully received and will be sent forward as opportunity occurs. Your greetings will likewise be forwarded to active Grand Lodges.

"Again, M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of the assembled Grand Representatives, I thank you for your friendly and cordial reception."

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.G.M., representative of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, thanked the Grand Master for his sympathetic remarks regarding the Grand Lodges in those countries which have suffered through invasion, as had the country of the Grand Lodge he had the honor to represent. He felt assured that eventually Masonry would be re-established and play its part in the re-building of these war-torn nations.

The D.D.G.M.'s present gave a brief outline of the condition of Masonry in their respective districts and presented their official reports, which follow:

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, April 29th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. upon the condition of Masonry in District No. 1 for the year beginning June 15, 1939.

During my term of office I have visited all the lodges in my district at least once officially, and most of them two or more times.

On my official visits I have endeavored to stress the importance of Masonic Education and Research, that a greater interest be taken in the Grand Lodge Bulletin, and that the "Lodge plan of Masonic Education" for candidates, as issued by this Grand Lodge in 1936, be adopted by those lodges who were not already making use of this valuable work.

I would recommend that each lodge in this district appoint a committee to arrange, whenever possible and feasible, to be represented on the occasion of an official visit by the D.D.G.M. to any other lodge to make it a real Masonic occasion.

My official visits were as follows:

September 7th, 1939	Zetland No. 83, Calgary
September 12th, 1939	Crossfield No. 48, Crossfield
September 19th, 1939	Gleichen No. 36, Gleichen
October 7th, 1939	Concord No. 124, Calgary
October 10th, 1939	Mt. Lebanon No. 54, Calgary
October 14th, 1939	Cascade No. 5, Banff
October 18th, 1939	Bow River No. 1, Calgary
October 23rd, 1939	St. Mark's No. 118, Calgary
October 27th, 1939	King George No. 59, Calgary
November 3rd, 1939	Calgary No. 23, Calgary
November 6th, 1939	Strathmore No. 53, Strathmore
November 9th, 1939	Ashlar No. 28, Calgary
November 13th, 1939	Renfrew No. 134, Calgary
November 21st, 1939	Perfection No. 9, Calgary
November 23rd, 1939	King Solomon No. 41, Cochrane
November 28th, 1939	Crescent No. 87, Calgary

CONDITION OF MASONRY

It gives me pleasure to report upon the healthy Masonic condition of the Craft in this district and the excellent fraternal feeling that exists between the lodges.

The lodge records, including Historical Registers, are well-kept and, with few exceptions, right up to date.

A summary of the reports of the various lodges shows a total membership in the District of 2,251; 46 new members have been admitted, an increase of 2 over the previous year, and 35 others joined by affiliation or restoration. There is a decrease of 115, of which 31 have been called to the Grand Lodge above, 42 have dimitted, and 42 were suspended for N.P.D., leaving a net decrease of 34.

The financial statements of the lodges show total assets over liabilities of \$152,355.86, an increase of \$5,059.23 over the previous year.

Total arrears of dues are \$5,537.44, or \$479.85 less than last year.

Three lodges in the district paid nothing for relief. One lodge contributed \$1,800.00.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held on October 21, 1939, in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, with a good attendance at both the afternoon meeting and the banquet in the evening. Every lodge in the district was represented.

The meeting was opened by Officers of Zetland Lodge, No. 83. We were pleased and honored to receive:

M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Chaplain, M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair, P.G.M., a number of Past D.D.G.M.'s and the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Short reports were given by the Masters respecting Masonic conditions in their lodges. The Grand Master was pleased to note that peace and harmony prevailed in the district, and requested the Masters to take a greater interest in Research and Education. He expressed regret that there were so few Junior Officers at the District Meeting and asked that these matters be referred to the lodges and given serious thought.

W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie of St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing term, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master. I bespeak for my successor the same kindly consideration which was accorded to me. After some discussion it was decided that the next District Meeting will be held in Calgary.

It was assumed that probably all subordinate lodges in the district will suspend payment of dues by members who have enlisted in His Majesty's Overseas Forces and have left the country, and the matter of the action of this Grand Lodge with regard to suspending the assessment will no doubt be discussed at this Grand Lodge Meeting.

The Grand Master gave a splendid and very practical address on Masonry in general. The Grand Secretary also addressed the

meeting in a very interesting and appropriate way. Both these addresses were thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren.

The evening session was given over to a banquet and address, and was under the direction of R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, J.G.W. We were pleased to have the opportunity of hearing M. W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, D.D., give an account of his recent visit to the installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. We are quite sure that Alberta was well represented on this important occasion. Other Grand Officers present spoke briefly on appropriate Masonic subjects, and with a feeling of good fellowship prevailing the meeting was a distinct success.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The city lodges have devoted at least one night to a special occasion such as Canadian Night, St. George's Night, Burns Night, Irish Night, and 100 Per Cent Night, and in each case the attendance was greatly increased and the meeting made more interesting by special addresses delivered by well-known members of the Craft or outstanding citizens. This is good evidence that members will attend if there is some feature of an instructive or educational nature, and this type of meeting is to be highly commended.

It was a pleasure and privilege on the day following the last Grand Lodge session to accompany our Grand Master to his own lodge, Calgary No. 23, and to attend with them, and most of the other Grand Lodge Officers, as an expression of loyalty to him in his new exalted position. On this occasion the W. M. of Calgary Lodge requested the Grand Master to present R. W. Bro. R. G. Thompson, also of Calgary Lodge, with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia on their behalf, he having just completed a successful year as D.D.G.M. in District No. 1.

I have also accompanied our Grand Master on his official visits to Ashlar No. 28, Renfrew No. 134, and Crescent No. 87.

It was a pleasant duty to represent our Grand Master on September 6th, on the occasion of the opening of their new Hall by Crescent Lodge No. 87, and they are to be congratulated on this accomplishment.

Cascade No. 5, Banff, are to be congratulated on holding another Interprovincial Meeting on October 14th. This was very well attended by their own members, and also by a number of brethren from British Columbia, as well as a large attendance from Calgary.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank those brethren who have accompanied and assisted me on my official visits. It has been a great help to me and has encouraged the lodges visited. The cordial welcome I have received as your official representative on every occasion has made each visit a real pleasure. If the brethren have gained some slight inspiration from my messages to them, I have gained more by making many new friends.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of District No. 1 for the honor they conferred on me in electing me as their D.D.G.M. for the Masonic year just closing. I have endeavored

to carry out the duties of this office in a fitting and thorough manner and trust I have warranted your confidence.

I particularly desire to extend my warm thanks to W. Bro. George F. Ritchie for so ably and unselfishly assisting me in the capacity of District Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

E. STANLEY THARP,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Grassy Lake, May 15th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 2, for the current year 1939-1940.

I beg to advise that the general condition of Masonry throughout the district is very encouraging and quite in keeping with the times, which, apparently, the whole world is experiencing and the outlook for the future is fairly good both as to a closer relationship amongst the brethren and a reasonable increase in the membership.

The past year has been reasonably progressive and the district shows a small increase in the membership over the previous year as indicated by the following:

New members.	20
Affiliations	1
Restorations	4
Total	25
Dimits issued	5
Suspended, non-payment of dues	7
Died	9
Total..	21

Net increase 4, with a total number of degrees conferred throughout the district of 58.

The financial condition of the lodges in the district also shows improvement, with:

Liquid assets of \$15,110.61.
Total assets over liabilities of \$24,463.39.
Total liabilities are \$1,165.00.

A total of 86 regular and 9 emergent meetings were held by the

lodges in the district during the year, with practically all of them "calling-off" during the months of July and August.

The membership in the district at the end of the year was 668, of which 143 members were apparently in arrears for a total amount of \$1,517.10, which in most instances represent one year's arrears.

The benevolent activities throughout the district have been relatively large, considering the somewhat improved general conditions, the amount expended for this purpose being \$1,323.22.

Protection of property appears to be amply covered with a total of \$15,300.00 of fire insurance in force, covering furniture, fixtures, regalia and buildings owned by some of the lodges, also one lodge (Medicine Hat No. 2) carries liability insurance in the amount of \$20,000.00.

The annual District Meeting was held in Medicine Hat on the 25th of October, 1939, with all lodges in the district represented and with a goodly number of visitors from other lodges, including one visitor from Victoria, B.C. This meeting was honored by your presence, M. W. Sir, and also by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M. The business of the meeting was carried out with dispatch and accord, with both yourself, M. W. Sir, and the Grand Secretary giving the assembled brethren most helpful information and suggestions for their future guidance. The meeting was closed at 4:30 o'clock after the members had selected V. W. Bro. H. H. Beeber, of Bassano Lodge No. 55, to be their D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41.

The evening session was called to order at 7 o'clock by the Chairman and 180 members enjoyed a most bountiful dinner, after which an entertaining program was presented to the enjoyment of all present, and your address, M. W. Sir, climaxed all other features of the afternoon and evening sessions, as expressed by all those privileged to hear you.

May I at this time express to you, M. W. Sir, my hearty appreciation of your timely visit and words of encouragement, both at this District Meeting and also at the time of my official visit to Bassano Lodge No. 55, when we were permitted to meet with and enjoy the fellowship of a large number of members of the fraternity, 69 being present.

I wish to express my very sincere appreciation to all those who so conscientiously assisted me in carrying out the duties of this office, as your representative, and particularly to R. W. Bro. Wm. Hyland, of Bow Island Lodge No. 64, P.D.D.G.M., and to W. Bro. Thomas W. Snowdon, of Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57, who rendered me the most able assistance possible as my District Secretary, accompanying me on all my official visits, and also to the various lodges for their courteous and friendly spirit expressed at all times.

Realizing the serious situation confronting the world today, may I say that it is my wish that the Fraternity will prosper and to a very large degree be useful and influential in bringing about a lasting peace and quiet out of the chaos that now confronts us.

I am, M. W. Sir, your obedient servant.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH J. SCOTT,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 25th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the Third Masonic District for the year 1939-40.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in the district officially once, and some of them on other occasions unofficially. In every case I was most cordially received and wish at this time to express my appreciation to all the officers and members of the various lodges. I desire also to acknowledge and thank all the members who accompanied me at various times, especially V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield and V. W. Bro. James Weir of Edmonton Lodge No. 7; also R. W. Bro. Russell Bradley of Unity Lodge No. 51 and R. W. Bro. Robert Cockburn of No. 81, who accompanied me on several occasions.

The official visits were as follows:

Edmonton Lodge, No. 7.....	June 27th, 1939
Star of the West No. 34.....	August 1st, 1939
Meridian Lodge No. 129.....	August 19th, 1939
Jasper Park Lodge No. 143.....	September 2nd, 1939
Edson Lodge No. 68.....	October 19th, 1939
Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15.....	November 16th, 1939
Unity Lodge No. 51.....	November 1st, 1939
Commercial Lodge No. 81....	December 9th, 1939

During my visits I saw degrees conferred in every lodge with only one exception. This particular lodge did not have work on hand and I made my visit on a regular meeting night. From the very able way in which the officers conducted the meeting I am satisfied they can do the work satisfactorily. In every case the work was conferred by the regular officers of the lodge in a very creditable manner.

The average attendance of resident members in the various lodges is about the same on a percentage basis, showing that the smaller lodges are just as active and interested in the work as those with large membership.

Several of the lodges have an active Committee on Research and Education and are doing excellent work. I wish particularly to mention Unity Lodge No. 51. The members of this lodge took an active interest in and presented a Masonic play at eight different lodges of Districts No. 3 and 12.

Our District Meeting was held on October 28th, 1939, jointly with District No. 12. I regret to report that attendance at this meeting was not as large as should be, several lodges in the district not having representation.

For this meeting we prepared and submitted, with your approval, a number of questions and answers on the Constitution and Work. The discussion was keen and beneficial to all present. At the request

of several members I prepared copies and sent one to each lodge in my district. From acknowledgments received I am sure they have served a useful purpose in each case.

The membership of the district shows a slight decrease during the past year, but I am pleased to report that all lodges are active, as the returns will show.

The finances of all the lodges in the district are satisfactory, and the records in every case are well kept. Surpluses are invested in bonds and good securities. The by-laws in every case protect the lodges in this respect.

In conclusion I wish to thank you and express my appreciation of having the privilege of being your representative in District No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,

LORNE M. MUIR,
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bentley, April 15th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District, for the year 1939-40.

It is a pleasure to report that this has been a very active and successful year throughout the district. All of the lodges have had new members, both by affiliation and initiation, and this improvement is more marked and has greater possibilities for this year. The new members are young men, and should make a valuable contribution to the Order.

Innisfail Lodge No. 8 and Eureka Lodge No. 10 have both amended their by-laws to provide a graduated scale of fees for initiation. It is too early yet to make any estimate of any possible advantages or disadvantages of this plan, but I believe it is a step in the right direction and we should do as much as possible and permissible to encourage young men to join the Craft.

Official visits were made to all the lodges except Bowden No. 42, before our District Meeting. This required considerable time and energy, but I believe it gives the D.D.G.M. an opportunity to get acquainted with the brethren and to make plans for the District Meeting, as well as to select help needed for the programme.

The following is a list of the official visits:

Kitchener No. 95, Rimbey	September 5th, 1939
Eureka No. 10, Lacombe	September 6th, 1939
Britannia No. 18, Ponoka	September 7th, 1939

Red Deer No. 12, Red Deer . . .	September 12th, 1939
Carstairs No. 20, Carstairs . . .	September 14th, 1939
Locheam No. 151, R. Mt. House . .	September 19th, 1939
Innisfail No. 8, Innisfail . . .	September 21st, 1939
Mountain View No. 16, Olds . . .	October 2nd, 1939
Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer . . .	October 3rd, 1939
King Hiram No. 21, Didsbury . . .	October 10th, 1939
Bowden No. 42, Bowden . . .	November 14th, 1939

At all of these meetings I was received as your representative with the Grand Honors, and the brethren invariably turned out well and there was usually a good number of visitors.

Masonic District No. 4 is probably the most favored in many ways of any of our Masonic Districts. It consists of eleven lodges and all are on main highways, nine on the Calgary and Edmonton highway, and the other two on branches extending outward from this. It is thus possible to visit any lodge in the district by leaving home after the evening meal. Our district consists mainly of mixed farming and the farmers have been very fortunate with their crops and livestock. A number of the brethren have suffered losses from hail, but on the whole, this district can be considered to be in one of the most prosperous parts of the province. Naturally, in such surroundings, Masonry is very much alive, and in a flourishing condition. The brethren take their Masonry seriously and practise faithfully the great teachings of our Fraternity.

There is much fraternal visiting among the lodges of the district, and I have endeavored to encourage this in my work among them, as I believe it is essential to the welfare of any lodge or brother that he visit with his neighbors. It not only helps them, but it also helps the lodge and brethren visited.

As part of my work I stressed the value of having a purpose in lodge work. I do not believe that the usual meeting with business or conferring of degrees is the height of Masonic activity. Unless we interest our members more deeply in Freemasonry we have not fulfilled our destiny. We cannot be genuinely interested in something if we do not know its past, its teachings, its hopes and aspirations. To this end I have recommended the lodges to make as much use as possible of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, the published Proceedings of Grand Lodge, and such books on Masonic subjects as can be procured. I trust that I have in some way, or at least in a small measure, encouraged the lodges in Masonic education.

The annual District Meeting was held on October 11th, 1939, in Lacombe, and consisted of an afternoon and evening session with a banquet served by the ladies of the Eastern Star at 6:30 p.m. There was a very good attendance during the afternoon which was greatly augmented of course during the evening. During the afternoon, besides the usual reports of lodges, we had a conference on "Interest and Attendance in the Lodges." This was divided into three parts: (1) Some opinions on the interest and attendance in lodges, led by Past Masters. (2) What I am doing to promote interest and attendance, led by Masters. (3) What I should try to do to improve interest and attendance when I become Master, led by the Wardens. This discussion proved very helpful to all present, and I believe gave many some new ideas in the work of our Craft.

An outstanding event was the presentation of a gold watch and chain to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, who has acted as District Secretary for the past eleven years. His work and his interest are unlimited and he is a veritable anchor for Masonry in this district. This gift was just a mark of appreciation by the brethren of this worthy and highly skilled workman. I am sure, M. W. Sir, you enjoyed making this presentation as much as we enjoyed the giving.

R. W. Bro. A. Gough was presented with P.D.D.G.M. regalia and the thanks of the brethren for his splendid work, done in a most skilled manner, and of great value to the district.

After the banquet, the brethren were addressed by our Grand Secretary, and the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore. The brethren were greatly interested, M. W. Sir, in your most instructive and encouraging address, and I have heard it referred to many times in subsequent visits. W. Bro. Jas. Murray of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1940-41.

There is one meeting I would like to mention, and that was the meeting at Rocky Mountain House, September 19th, Lochearn Lodge No. 151. This meeting was the first in the new Masonic Hall, which that lodge had just opened. This proved a very suitable building, and Lochearn Lodge is to be congratulated on this new home. At this meeting it was my privilege and honor to welcome you, M. W. Sir, to District No. 4. I assure you that your visit and message was an inspiration to all present. I only wish every lodge and Mason could hear your remarks, exhorting and encouraging the brethren to have pride in their Hall, and to make it attractive, comfortable, and an inspiration to a good Masonic life. We were all very pleased that you were able to be with us.

It is most fitting that I should assure you of the interest and loyalty of the brethren of this district to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and all the Grand Lodge Officers. They have been most helpful to me in my work during my term of office, and many have accompanied me on nearly all of my official visits as well as numerous other visits. In this respect I must mention the help of my own lodge, Eureka No. 10. Many of these brethren, at considerable trouble to themselves, have assisted me in various ways. They made all arrangements for the District Meeting, which proved very satisfactory indeed. W. Bro. Hopkins has accompanied me on all but one of the visits of the year. I wish to acknowledge the great help of R. W. Bro. Jackson who accompanied me on all trips and acted as Secretary. To all these brethren I express my most hearty thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. HENRY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lougheed, April 5th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your representative of District No. 5.

May I be permitted, M. W. Sir, to first express to you my sincere appreciation of the high honor conferred upon me in my election to this distinguished office, and I can assure you that I shall ever strive to prove worthy of that honor. To my brethren who elected me to the office of District Deputy I also express my keen appreciation of the confidence they have placed in me, and I take this opportunity of thanking them for the courtesy and consideration shown me on the occasions of my official visits. To be your representative in District No. 5 has been a continuous source of pleasure to me and I sincerely trust my efforts during my term of office have met with your approval and have been of assistance to the brethren.

I have officially visited every lodge in my district at least once and found a most fraternal spirit in evidence, the keynote of each lodge being harmony and good fellowship.

Comparing this report with that of 1938 I find it to be just as favorable in spite of the continued economic and adverse conditions which have prevailed in this district during 1939. Nor do I look for any appreciable improvement for the duration of this terrible war. The membership remains at practically the same, though we show a loss in resident members of 12 and an increase in non-resident members of 11. We show a loss in our increase column of 3, and a gain in our decrease column of 13. I find 7 dimitted in this report as compared to 9 in 1938, 6 suspended for non-payment of dues as against 13 the previous year.

I very much regret to report the loss of 5 members by death in my report as against one in 1938, three from Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose, one from Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Lougheed, and one from Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held at Lougheed on September 21st, 1939, the meeting being opened by the officers of Provost Lodge No. 61. After my reception in Due Form, as D.D.G.M., I assumed the gavel.

The meeting was favored by the attendance of M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, both being received with Grand Honors and escorted to the East.

I then requested the meeting to stand in silent tribute for two minutes in honor of the numerous brethren and others who had paid the Supreme Sacrifice in this present terrible crisis.

Representatives of each lodge in the district reported on the

condition of Masonry in their respective lodges, showing Masonry to be in a healthy condition in the district.

The Grand Master, on behalf of District No. 5, presented to R. W. Bro. J. H. Cochran, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 5, the regalia of office.

During the intermission, dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid of the United Church in the dining hall of the Loughheed Hotel. Then followed a program of speeches, interspersed with musical numbers, which were well rendered and well received.

At the evening session W. Bro. Fox, of Provost Lodge No. 61, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and the place chosen for the District Meeting of 1940 was Provost. Able and instructive addresses were then given by the M. W. the Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Hart of Provost Lodge No. 61. These addresses were listened to with keen interest by the brethren. The meeting was then closed by the officers of Efficiency Lodge No. 141.

The large number of brethren present despite the business of the season, the keen interest taken in the deliberations of the meeting in general, and the large number of P.D.D.G.M.'s attending were most gratifying to me.

My official visits were as follows:

Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden	August 7th, 1939
Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg	August 23rd, 1939
Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty	September 13th, 1939
Provost Lodge No. 61, Provost	September 20th, 1939
Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Strome	October 5th, 1939
Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland	October 10th, 1939
Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose	October 11th, 1939
Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf	October 19th, 1939
Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick	November 20th, 1939
Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam	December 6th, 1939
Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed	March 21st, 1940
Alliance Lodge, No. 135, Alliance	June 5th, 1940

Speaking generally, with regard to conditions in District No. 5, I am most pleased to be able to report to you, M. W. Sir, that a fine Masonic spirit prevails which will result in a real expansion of the application of Masonic principles. The past year has been a very happy one and most interesting to me and I only hope that I have been able to maintain the traditions established by my predecessors and that my humble service met with your approval. In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of Masonic District No. 5 for the friendly spirit and the hearty co-operation accorded me during my term of office, and in this connection I would be remiss in my duty if I did not particularly mention the loyal support of Bro. Bert Hill, my District Secretary, who has been untiring in his efforts to make my term pleasant.

I can assure the brethren of Provost Lodge No. 61, Efficiency Lodge No. 141, and the rest of the brethren who so willingly assisted me, that I am most grateful. I also wish to express my gratitude to

my brethren of Morning Star Lodge No. 79 who so willingly accompanied me on my visits.

May I bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. Fox of Provost Lodge No. 61, the same valuable co-operation, and I sincerely trust, M. W. Sir, that I have upheld the traditions of Masonry in District No. 5 in a manner acceptable to you.

Fraternally submitted,

OSCAR McCUNE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Okotoks, April 10th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6.

It has not only been an honor but a pleasure as well as privilege to serve as one of your D.D.G.M.'s and I would like to express to you, M. W. Sir, my very sincere thanks for your kind advice and help that you have given me. I would like to express the same to our Grand Secretary for his counsel and co-operation during my year of office.

I have visited all lodges in this district at least once officially and some two and three times. It has been a real pleasure to meet the brethren in their own lodges and I would like to convey to the Master, Officers and members of these lodges my thanks and appreciation for their kindness, good fellowship and cordial hospitality that they have extended to me and the brethren of my own lodge who were kind enough to accompany me on these visits.

I will state here, to avoid repetition, that in all lodges of the district I have found the Secretary very efficient, all books and records are kept in very fine shape, and although in one of two cases the Historical Register is a little behind I have the assurance that it will be brought up-to-date in a short time. The work when conferred was done in a very creditable and impressive manner by the Masters and Officers, who with a few exceptions are interested in their work, in the progress of their lodges and the welfare of the Craft in general.

I would like to mention that in District No. 6 we have 350 resident members and 135 non-resident; that the increase was 18 and the decrease 29 for the past year. This loss is not high and although it does not show much progress, in these times to hold our own is something to be thankful for.

The liabilities of the lodges amount to \$2,161.78 and the total assets over liabilities—\$25,091.10. Corinthian Lodge No. 22 has the

highest amount—\$1,860.00, but this has been reduced since the first of the year by \$500.00. The whole shows a very healthy situation as far as finances are concerned.

With regard to arrears of dues in the different lodges, the amount to my mind seems rather large—\$1,544.00, Cornerstone No. 19 and Corinthian No. 22 both showing high figures. I do not know how much of the arrears have been collected by each lodge since the beginning of the year, although in Corinthian I believe a considerable amount has been paid. A lodge should not carry a member who can pay his dues and does not, and it should in the true Masonic spirit write off the dues of a member whose circumstances make it impossible for him to pay. If this were adhered to by the lodges arrears of dues would not present such a problem.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Okotoks, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1939. We were honored by your presence, M. W. Sir, and a number of Grand Officers.

The Officers of Corinthian Lodge No. 22, with the Master in the Chair, opened the meeting. The attendance, owing to threshing, was not so large as anticipated, but better than last year. Two minutes of silence were observed in honor of those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above, and more particularly for W. Bro. George Young, P.M. of Cornerstone No. 19, High River, whose funeral service had been held the day before. Our sympathy goes out to the brethren of this lodge in their sad loss.

Reports from the different lodges were encouraging and showed a healthy condition. The Question Box resulted in a few interesting discussions and questions were answered to the satisfaction of all by the Grand Officers.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, S.G.W., gave us a very fine address on "A Pertinent Question to Masons", which was enjoyed by all and must have started the brethren thinking. At 6:00 o'clock a Banquet was served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, and W. Bro. Thomson of Calgary kindly entertained us with songs. After the Toast to Grand Lodge, proposed by W. Bro. L. T. Hutton of Cairo Lodge, and responded to by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby, P.G.M., gave us a very splendid address which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the brethren present, on his trip to the Old Country and the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, by His Majesty the King.

At the evening session W. Bro. Hagerman, of Stavely Lodge No. 33, was elected D.D.G.M., subject to the approval of the Grand Master, for District No. 6 and Stavely was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. My sincere congratulations to W. Bro. Hagerman and my best wishes for a very successful year.

R. W. Bro. Casteel of Cornerstone No. 19 gave a resume of changes in the York Ritual that was much appreciated by the brethren. We also enjoyed the splendid address that you gave us, M. W. Sir, and I am sure that the brethren must have gone home from their District

Meeting feeling that Masonry is well worthwhile and something to live for. The other Grand Officers also kindly addressed the meeting.

I would like at this time to express my sincere thanks to M. W. Bro. Kerby, R. W. Bros. Ellis and Casteel, W. Bros. D. A. Thomson, O. C. Smith, and all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Joppa Lodge No. 40. I made my official visit to Joppa Lodge at Granum on their regular meeting night, December 14th, 1939, when there was a fairly good attendance of the members. The second degree was conferred on a candidate by the Officers of Cairo Lodge No. 32, the work was done in an excellent manner and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The lodge own their building and are well off financially, but need some brother with enthusiasm and faith in Masonry to keep them going as a lodge. At another meeting that I attended there was some discussion as to amalgamating with a lodge either north or south of Granum. Although this move might benefit some, Joppa still has 20 resident members and I believe if they would all co-operate they could carry on successfully. A lodge holding only six or seven meetings a year is not doing justice to its membership and cannot hope to attract many new members.

I am convinced that if Section 140, page 54, of our Constitution, re the Examining Board for an Incoming Master, were enforced, some of our lodge troubles would be alleviated. In some cases this section is not observed or is taken as a formality, and yet the whole welfare of a lodge really depends upon the Master. A poor Master means an indifferent lodge, a good Master an active lodge.

Since my last visit to Joppa Lodge I received the sad tidings of the sudden death of R. W. Bro. A. S. Peebles, P.D.D.G.M., and acting Secretary of the lodge. This will be a very serious loss to them and our sympathy is extended to the brethren.

Cairo Lodge No. 32. On the night of January 16th, 1940, I paid my official visit to this lodge at Claresholm. W. Bro. L. T. Hutton, W.M., through sickness was not able to be present, but there was a good attendance of officers and members. No degree was conferred that night, but the business of the lodge was well conducted by W. Bro. O. Thompson, who was in the Master's chair.

I visited Cairo Lodge in June, 1939, and again on March 19th, 1940, on which occasion you were present, M. W. Sir, with other Grand Officers, and the first degree was conferred in a splendid manner. The officers are all proficient and W. Bro. Hutton, the Master, is doing good work in keeping the brethren interested in the lodge. The lodge have some good candidates with prospects for more, and they should be commended for furnishing a ward in the new hospital in Claresholm.

I have enjoyed visiting with the brethren of Cairo—their warm hand shakes and good fellowship will long be remembered.

Corinthian Lodge No. 22. This is my own lodge and the largest in the district. During the year I have attended nearly all the meetings.

I was very grateful to you, M. W. Sir, for your visit to Corinthian on November 7th and also to R. W. Bro. Ellis, who accompanied you.

I visited the lodge officially on their regular meeting of February 6th, but owing to a hockey match in Okotoks, the attendance was not so good as was expected and no degree work was done.

The Master and officers are very capable and the degrees are correctly and impressively conferred. The lodge own its hall which is one of the best equipped and furnished in the jurisdiction. It is also in good financial condition, the debt has been paid and at the regular meeting of April 2nd, 1940, the mortgage was burned.

I would also like to mention that we subscribe to 40 copies of the Grand Lodge Bulletin which are distributed every meeting night to the brethren present. I can assure you the members are very anxious to get their copy and enjoy reading the Bulletin.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 19. This is the second largest lodge in District No. 6. They have a very fine lodge room and for the past year have been the most active lodge in our district. They do not own their hall but rent it and are in excellent position financially.

I visited Cornerstone in October, 1939, when they conferred the third degree on two candidates. I visited them officially on February 15th, 1940, and on this occasion the second degree was conferred in their usual excellent manner and they are to be congratulated on their proficiency. I had very pleasant meetings with the brethren of Cornerstone who did everything in their power to make them enjoyable.

Stavely Lodge No. 33. I visited Stavely Lodge No. 33 on their regular night of March 5th, 1940. This lodge has had two candidates this year, the first in four years. Owing to the absence of the candidate there was no degree work and the attendance was exceptionally small, only nine members being present. I hope to be able to visit them again at their June meeting, when it is expected the third degree will be conferred. In spite of the small number present we had a very pleasant meeting.

Nanton Lodge No. 17. This is the oldest lodge in District No. 6. They have a good membership with quite a number of enthusiastic Masons, although unhappily they have had no candidates for several years. I visited them on January 11th, 1940, and was surprised to see such a good attendance as the lodge summons showed nothing but "General Business". As there was no programme I gave them a short address.

I visited them officially on March 14th, when there was a very good meeting and good attendance. The Master and his officers are well skilled in their work and at the refreshment period I discussed with the brethren ways and means of making their meetings more interesting. I enjoyed my visits to Nanton very much for the true spirit of friendship and brotherly love is very noticeable.

It is my belief that the official visit of the D.D.G.M. would be much improved if the lodges were to exemplify a degree or some part of a degree on that night, more especially in the case of those lodges who have had no candidates for several years. It would prove of

value to the officers and members and give an opportunity to the D.D.G.M. to judge of the skill of the officers, which he cannot do when he sees only the "Closing". It is not fair, in my estimation, to expect the D.D.G.M. to be all the programme, as the attraction is sometimes not big enough to induce the members to come to lodge that night.

CONCLUSION

I would like at this time to express to the brethren of District No. 6 my very sincere thanks for having given me this opportunity to serve you as D.D.G.M., for the kindness and consideration you have shown me, and for the good fellowship and friendly hand shakes extended to me and the brethren of my own lodge who have travelled with me on my visits. To the latter I would say thank you, your presence and support were very much appreciated.

During my term of office I had the pleasure of paying a fraternal visit with my lodge to Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, on their Inter-provincial Night, which was also the official visit of R. W. Bro. Tharp, D.D.G.M. of District No. 1. To the Master, Officers and members of Cascade Lodge and to R. W. Bro. Tharp I would like to express my sincere thanks for the kindness shown me on this occasion.

I also had the pleasure of visiting in the same manner, Zetland Lodge No. 83, St. Mark's No. 118 and Concord Lodge No. 124, all of Calgary, and the courtesies and kindness shown by the officers is gratefully acknowledged.

In concluding let me once again tender my thanks to R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley, who so efficiently acted as District Secretary. I hope, M. W. Sir, that I have filled this office and discharged its duties to your entire satisfaction.

Faternally submitted,

C. F. FORCKLE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, April 15th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

In presenting my report on the work of District No. 7 for the Masonic year 1939-40 for your consideration, let me first express to you, M. W. Sir, the honor and pleasure it has been to me to represent you in this district during the past year.

I would be remiss if I did not also express my deep and heartfelt thanks to the officers and members of all the lodges for the loyal backing and hearty support accorded me throughout my term of office. I would particularly extend my thanks to all the P.D.D.G.M.'s for their help and kindly advice, to W. Bro. George Thompson, District Secretary, for his able assistance, to W. Bro. W. Edwards for attend-

ing to financial matters, and to yourself and M. W. Bro. Kemmis for kindly co-operation.

On Friday evening, June 23, 1939, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Diamond City Lodge No. 65 and Sharon Lodge No. 157 at a joint meeting in Coalhurst. On this occasion I was most ably assisted by R. W. Bros. R. Douglas, W. T. Lingard, J. James and E. Rannard.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Lethbridge on September 27th, 1939. Owing to heavy rains preceding the date of meeting the roads in the district were in bad shape. This cut down the attendance considerably, but in spite of this it was regarded as one of the best meetings of recent years, both in point of attendance and enthusiasm. The afternoon session was opened by Doric Lodge No. 31 of Taber. The brethren certainly appreciated your presence, M. W. Sir, and that of M. W. Bro. Kemmis. During the afternoon, reports were received from R. W. Bro. W. T. Lingard, D.D.G.M. for the year 1938-39, also from the Masters of the several lodges in the district. The Banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the hall of Southminster United Church gave the brethren a chance to get together socially, and was very well attended. The evening session opened at 8 o'clock, and everyone of my supporting officers was a P.D.D.G.M., a very convincing proof of the loyalty of the Grand Lodge officers of District No. 7. V. W. Bro. Bartram of Verdigris Lodge No. 100 of Milk River was elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41, and Lethbridge was chosen as the next place of meeting. Your address, M. W. Sir was one of the most inspiring talks on Masonry which the brethren of this district have had the pleasure of listening to and I assure you it was duly appreciated.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Sharon Lodge No. 157, Iron Springs. I visited this lodge on the evening of August 23rd. No degree work was performed, but two applications were voted on and passed—indicative of renewed activity.

Doric Lodge No. 31, Taber. In spite of inclement weather there was a very fine attendance when I visited this lodge on September 12th. I had the pleasure of seeing the third degree conferred in a very commendable manner.

Verdigris Lodge No. 100, Milk River. Like most lodges at country points this lodge is carrying on nicely in spite of rather difficult circumstances. On the night of my visit, September 19th, one application was received. Verdigris Lodge was honored this year by having one of its Past Masters, V. W. Bro. F. A. Bartram elected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 7 for the year 1940-41.

Lucerne Lodge No. 159, Vauxhall. I visited this lodge on the evening of October 3rd and was accompanied by a number of brethren from Lethbridge and Taber. No. 159 has shown increased activity this year, with a net increase in membership of four. During the evening I had the pleasure of investing V. W. Bro. A. W. Ross as a Grand Steward.

Foremost Lodge No. 103, Foremost. I made my visit to this lodge on the evening of October 4th. On that night they celebrated the 21st anniversary of the institution of the lodge. V. W. Bro. General Stewart of North Star Lodge No. 4 gave an intensely interesting talk on Masonry. At their meeting on September 6th the brethren of No. 103 celebrated the 78th birthday of their Master, W. Bro. F. O. Chusholm.

North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge. I paid my official visit to No. 4 on the evening of October 9th and received a very kindly reception. Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 paid a fraternal visit the same evening. During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting North Star Lodge several times and on the occasion of a recent visit saw the first degree conferred in a very excellent manner.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Lethbridge. On the evening of my official visit, October 19th, North Star Lodge No. 4 and York Lodge No. 119 paid a fraternal visit. The third degree was conferred in a very commendable manner. The attendance, 77, was very encouraging.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Coalhurst. I spent a very pleasant evening with No. 65 on the evening of November 2nd. Due to the closing of the coal mine in Coalhurst this lodge is experiencing considerable difficulty, but they are sound financially and determined to carry on.

Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge. I visited No. 67 officially on the evening of November 14th. North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, and York Lodge No. 119, paid a fraternal visit the same evening. Have visited this lodge several times since my official visit and find the officers carrying on in a very efficient manner. On February 13th last the Past Masters conferred the third degree in praiseworthy style.

York Lodge No. 119, Lethbridge. This is my home and also my mother lodge and it gave me considerable satisfaction to pay my official visit to the lodge where I was received into Masonry on November 1st, 1921. On the occasion of my visit, December 5th, 1939, the other three Lethbridge lodges paid a fraternal visit.

In all lodges visited I found the Grand Lodge Bulletin is being read and appreciated. This is certainly a good work and those responsible for it are entitled to the thanks and support of the brethren.

On December 28th, 1939, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Charity Lodge No. 67, and York Lodge No. 119. I was most ably assisted by R. W. Bros. John James, John Livingstone, and W. T. Lingard, with W. Bro. A. Niven acting as Director of Ceremonies. A number of other Past Masters gave their loyal support.

On March 8th, 1940, we were all deeply grieved to learn of the death of P.D.D.G.M. A. Lakie. R. W. Bro. Lakie was one of the most highly respected citizens of Lethbridge and his death is a distinct loss both to the Craft and the community. Charity Lodge No. 67, of which he was a Past Master will particularly miss him as he had been a well loved member of that lodge for many years.

As I look back over the year I believe we have every reason to feel that Masonry in this district is not only holding its own, but is

again on the up trend. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, have made many new friends and hope that, in a small way, I have rendered a service to Masonry in District No. 7. I am now looking forward to according the incoming D.D.G.M., V. W. Bro. Bartram, the same kind of loyal support as has been accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. FISHER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Coleman, April 30th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. of the Eighth Masonic District for the year 1939-40. My term of office has been a most pleasant one and will endure as a happy memory. I wish to thank the brethren for the honor bestowed upon me, and I wish also to thank you, M. W. Sir, for your kindly advice during this term.

I have visited all the lodges except Chief Mountain officially and other lodges fraternally at least once. Each lodge continues to put forward a great effort to promote the spirit of Freemasonry. The attendance in some instances might be somewhat improved although when one considers the diversity of interests and the difficulty of negotiating bad roads during the winter months it would appear that Masonry is retaining a very favorable position.

The District Meeting was convened in Coleman on Thursday, September 28th, 1939. Registration began at 1:30 and the meeting opened at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was fortunate in having all the lodges in the district represented except Chinook No. 47. We were favored with the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., and several Past D.D.G.M.'s were also in attendance. After the regular business the M. W. the Grand Master presented regalia to R. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup, P.D.D.G.M. and this presentation was followed by an address by R. W. Bro. A. F. Short, which was well received and discussed.

The meeting was then called for a short intermission to provide an opportunity for the brethren to become acquainted with our Grand Officers. Upon resuming our duties the Grand Secretary gave a lengthy and very interesting review of the labors and work of Grand Lodge which was given rapt attention. This address was followed by the unanimous election of W. Bro. Norman Grier of Alberta Lodge No. 3 as D.D.G.M. for the next term. I wish him every success and am sure that the district will be well and faithfully served during his year of office. Macleod was selected for the next Annual District Meeting.

Business was then suspended for the afternoon. A banquet was served in the early evening by the ladies of Minerva Chapter of the O.E.S. Entertainment was provided by the Coleman Choral Society under the direction of W. Bro. Rose of Simpson Lodge No. 121, G.R.S., who is now a resident of Coleman. The 125 members present expressed their appreciation to the ladies for such a well ordered banquet.

The meeting re-opened at 8:45 p.m. with the address of the Grand Master. The Masonic information conveyed by the Grand Master in his address was followed by a free discussion which was of much benefit to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

I wish to thank the committee of Summit Lodge, and especially our District Secretary, R. W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson, for services so unsparingly given to make this meeting a success.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Alberta No. 3. On October 18th I had the pleasure of a visit, with thirty-five others of the various lodges of the district. The meeting was called as a Past Master's night for the purpose of conferring the third degree on two candidates. The work was conducted in a very capable and impressive manner. In all there were sixty-five members registered. A refreshment period followed the meeting during the course of which I heard many congratulatory remarks on the work of the Past Masters.

My official visit to this lodge was made on April 17th, when I was accompanied by several brethren of Summit No. 30 and Rocky Mountain No. 86. In the absence of degree work, R. W. Bro. A. F. Short delivered a well prepared address which was well received and provoked considerable discussion. The books of the lodge are well kept and are up-to-date. The Historical Register in the hands of R. W. Bro. Kennedy is kept as a very interesting record of events, Masonic and otherwise.

Spitzie No. 6. Due to bad weather very few members from other lodges found it convenient to attend during my official visit, which was made on November 7th. However, two brethren from Summit Lodge, one from Saskatchewan who is now resident in Coleman and one from Rocky Mountain No. 86 were included in my party. We were very hospitably welcomed by a good representation of Spitzie No. 6. The third degree was conferred by the Past Masters and again the work was most capably handled. Several questions of importance came up for discussion and were disposed of in a business-like manner. A paper prepared by R. W. Bro. Chappell, who was unable to attend due to sickness, was read by W. Bro. Bannon of Rocky Mountain Lodge. This meeting was the first after having their hall stuccoed and the inside renovated and the hall presented a very neat and clean lodge room. The members of Spitzie are to be congratulated on having means at their disposal for providing such a commodious lodge home.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and M. W. Bro. Canon Middleton, P.G.M., for a fraternal visit to this lodge on the occasion of their meeting called in honor of the "Elder Brethren". During the banquet which followed we were favored by an address by the Grand Master and several talks on early day events.

Sentinel No. 26. During a fraternal visit September 14th, a large number of visitors were in evidence. The third degree was conferred and V. W. Bro. P. Haggarty, as Master, handled the work in an impressive manner. After the business was taken care of, W. Bro. F. Padgett with several years' experience, prepared a supper that met the requirements of all present and a most enjoyable evening was concluded.

My first official visit was made to Sentinel No. 26 on October 12th and I felt that the reception was most brotherly and friendly. The second degree was conferred with the usual good rendering of Sentinel. V. W. Bro. R. F. Barnes read a well prepared paper which caused much favorable discussion. The finances of the lodge are kept in a healthy condition. Books and accounts are up-to-date and are well taken care of by R. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup, Secretary. The Historical Register is written up with good style and makes very interesting reading, the record being kept by W. Bro. E. Costick.

I was glad to be assisted at this meeting by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and R. W. Bro. W. Chappell.

Summit Lodge No. 30. My home lodge was officially visited on November 2nd. The brethren endeavored to make this meeting a decided success in honor of one of their own as D.D.G.M. Many visitors from Sentinel No. 26 and Rocky Mountain No. 86 were present and we were especially favored by the attendance of M. W. Bro. Middleton, P.G.M., from Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58. At my request, M. W. Bro. Middleton kindly came a long distance to favor us with an address, which was so enthusiastically received that a motion was passed asking for a return visit at some early date. Since then he has kindly agreed to visit us at our regular meeting on Thursday, May 2nd, when we hope for a good representation.

Chinook Lodge No. 47. I was prevented from visiting this lodge on two different occasions, but finally managed an official visit on February 20th, in company with several members of Summit No. 30 and Rocky Mountain No. 86. There was a good attendance present to give us a very welcome reception. Although there was no degree work, considerable business was transacted in a methodical manner and the time was well and profitably spent.

The assets, considering the small membership, are of a high standard since their lodge building assures them of sufficient revenue with which to carry on during times of depression. All the books of the lodge are kept in concise form and are up-to-date. The finances are in a sound condition. The Historical Register is well prepared and outlines many remarkable events of Masonic interest, the Registrar being R. W. Bro. W. A. Murphy. Those fortunate to attend expressed their pleasure and hoped to meet again in the near future.

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58. I am sorry to report that I have not been able to visit this lodge although arrangements are made for an official visit on May 21st. From reports received, however, the lodge is apparently doing excellent work. They have gained four new members during the past year. Their position is sound financially and they boast of a very fine lodge hall of their own. I have notice of a resolution passed asking Grand Lodge to permit a transfer of this lodge to District No. 7. Having previously been a part of that district they realize that certain benefits will be derived from such a transfer,

and having consulted with other lodges of District No. 8 concerning this the general opinion seems to be that Grand Lodge might be well advised to grant permission for the transfer.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86. I had the pleasure of visiting Rocky Mountain Lodge on the occasion of their first meeting on their return to the old lodge room in Blairmore. The hall has been renovated and makes a very neat and clean lodge room. I am sure that this will have a beneficial effect on the attendance in the future. Several brethren from Sentinel No. 26 and Summit No. 30 attended this meeting which was a profitable one for all. The meeting closed in harmony and was followed by an excellent supper under the management of Bro. Cawsey.

On Monday, March 11th, I paid my official visit, accompanied by a number from Summit and Sentinel Lodges. The first degree was conferred in an efficient and capable manner by W. Bro. H. Carmichael and his officers, and was the first degree work the lodge had had for several years. The meeting was favored with an address by W. Bro. Rose, of Simpson Lodge No. 121, G.R.S., which was heartily approved. The lodge is to be congratulated on having subscribed to a \$1,000.00 bond in the latest Government War Loan. The finances are sound and books and accounts up-to-date. The Historical Register is kept by W. Bro. R. McLeod, Secretary.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to congratulate the different lodges on the keen interest displayed for the welfare of Masonry. Especially do I wish to commend the Secretaries for their time and efforts so graciously given to this purpose. I am sure that with such interest and unstinted effort the future of Masonry in District No. 8 will be a bright one.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. O. C. McDONALD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Gadsby, May 17th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have pleasure in presenting to you my report of the activities of this district during the year 1939-40.

I wish to express to the brethren of this district my sincere thanks in appointing me to this office which I have had the honor of filling for the past year. In taking office, I had a great deal of misgiving as to what I would be able to accomplish as I realized the responsibility

of the office was great. I have tried to do my duty in every way as I saw it. I have had a full year and I trust that I have in some small measure, added something to Masonry. Throughout the district I have found a spirit of harmony and a willingness to further the ideals of Masonry in every way.

The District Meeting was held in Stettler on October 12th, 1939, at the Hall of Apollo Lodge No. 27, attended by the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, J.G.W., and M. W. Bro. Botterill, P.G.M. The afternoon session was taken up mainly by reports of the various lodges given by the respective Masters, all of which were very interesting and gave an insight into the activities of the various lodges.

The attendance was very gratifying, especially at the evening session, and many remarks were made of the inspiration given in the various talks and addresses. At the conclusion of the reports, R. W. Bro. Galbraith gave an address on "The Station of the Junior Warden in the Lodge, His Duties and Responsibilities", that was of great interest. The question of the appointment of a permanent District Secretary was discussed and notice of motion was given that this matter would be brought up at the next District Meeting.

M. W. Bro. Botterill gave a short address; bringing up the question as to whether we in Canada get and take our Masonry too easily, and made reference to the Masonic conditions in many European countries.

At the close of the afternoon session a banquet was held in the basement of the hall, served by the ladies of Victoria Chapter, O.E.S.

At the opening of the evening session, on nominations being called for the office of D.D.G.M. for the next term, W. Bro. Ballentine of Coronation Lodge No. 72 was elected by acclamation, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. It was also decided to hold the next District Meeting at Coronation. M. W. Bro. Kemmis then addressed the meeting and made an appeal for a greater use of the Grand Lodge office and for more consideration of Grand Lodge Proceedings. He was followed by M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, who developed his address along the lines of present day Masonry and Democracy, its standing in the world and the challenge to Masonry by many present day countries. This address gave every one a great deal to think over and was well received.

The entire session was run according to schedule and completed by 10 p.m., a fact that was appreciated by those who had come a long way to attend. To all of those who contributed to the success of this meeting, I extend my thanks.

Apollo Lodge No. 27. This is the largest and most enthusiastic lodge we have in the district. The officers are capable and their work is of a very high standard. Meetings are well attended and there is always something of interest to make the visiting of this lodge worth while. I made my official visit on September 4th, and was well received. Apollo is under the direction of W. Bro. Cameron and his conducting of the lodge was all that could be desired.

The records are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Connolly and are all in excellent shape. This is the Lodge closest to my own lodge

and I have visited them quite frequently. I have seen them in their degree work and it is at all times put on with dignity and in perfect form. To visiting brethren this lodge is a home from home, as they do all in their power to make visitors feel at home.

Ionic Lodge No. 45. I have visited this lodge in my official capacity no less than three times. On August 22nd, on the instruction of M. W. the Grand Master, I inspected the premises to which this lodge intended to move. I did this in company with V. W. Bro. Hollings and from the information he gave me, reasons for the change and the suitability of the new premises, I had no hesitation in granting approval.

I made my official visit on September 21st. W. Bro. H. F. Price was the presiding Master and while he is young in Masonry he has a full understanding of its principles and it was a pleasure to see him direct his lodge. R. W. Bro. Tallman is the Secretary and his records are well and neatly kept.

I again had the privilege of attending this lodge on May 6th, where I conducted the ceremony of amalgamation of Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109 with Ionic Lodge No. 45. This was a well attended meeting with visiting brethren coming long distances to be present. I was particularly pleased to have at this meeting R. W. Bro. Galbraith, J.G.W., and R. W. Bro. Roach of District No. 15. The address given by R. W. Bro. Galbraith was both interesting and timely. This amalgamation is now in effect under the name of Ionic Lodge No. 45 with their officers in charge for this year.

Beaver Lodge No. 56. I made my visit to this lodge on September 4th, at a time when threshing operations were in full swing and the result was that the attendance was not very large. What they lacked in numbers they made up for in enthusiasm. All the officers were present and they conducted the affairs of the lodge in a very commendable manner. There is an excellent morale here and every effort is made to make visitors feel at home. W. Bro. Marshall as Secretary, has a fine set of books that are well and neatly looked after. W. Bro. Reid is the Master and he has the welfare of the lodge and Masonry in Castor district very much at heart.

Coronation No. 72. The afternoon of the evening I visited this lodge was taken up with a Masonic funeral, that of the late R. W. Bro. Mitchell, with the result that attendance suffered at the evening session. I was unable to be present at the funeral ceremony and regret this very much. In the passing of our late brother, the lodge lost one of its oldest and most respected members and he will be sadly missed. The date was September 6th, and harvesting was in progress.

This lodge is having its difficulties and it is all in the matter of attendance. They find it difficult to secure the regulation number to open lodge at times and it is hard to know what the reason is. It cannot be because of the officers, as W. Bro. Butterfield as Master does all he can to make his meetings interesting. Economic reasons may have something to do with it as this district has been hard hit this past few years. I am inclined to think there is a lack of interest on the part of the Past Masters and unless they co-operate it will make it difficult for any Master to carry on with only a faithful few to assist him. Bro. Staples is the Secretary here and with his busi-

ness experience, the work comes natural to him. Records are in excellent condition.

Monitor Lodge No. 120. So far I have been unable to visit this lodge as it had been arranged that I would delay my visit till spring so that by that time they would have had their lodge building moved from Monitor to Consort. I believe this move was a wise one as there was only one resident member at Monitor while there are six at Consort. The late spring and the deplorable conditions of the road and a very unsatisfactory rail service has made it impossible for me to visit them yet.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 122. This is my home lodge and naturally I have attended every meeting held during the year as I hold the office of Secretary, with the manifold duties attached thereto. W. Bro. Roll is the Master of the lodge and it is to his credit that he has been the means of getting many of the members to attend more regularly.

It is several years since any candidates were received but during those years the lodge has managed to carry on and make the meetings worth while. This is the hard luck lodge of the district as they are heavily involved in debt that has had a very depressing effect on the membership and welfare of the lodge. I am glad to report that they may soon be out of debt as arrangements are under way to sell the Hall to the Village for community purposes which will change the status of the lodge from owner to renter. The mortgage being carried became so heavy that there was no possible chance of it ever being paid off, so that with the co-operation of the holder of the mortgage, a satisfactory arrangement has been made to dispose of the building, assign to the mortgage holder and the lodge will then be free. Here is an example of a lodge getting too enthusiastic, building a hall without having the money to pay for it in whole, hitting hard times, and losing out in the end. The prospects, once this matter is settled, are bright as there are quite a number of prospective candidates in sight. The officers are to be commended on the way they have kept this lodge going through all the difficulties of the past few years and now that conditions are about to improve, they should go ahead.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140. Official visit to this lodge was made on October 4th. I wish to congratulate the officers and members as they have made the most progress of any lodge in the district. They have had the largest number of candidates, had more degree work to do than any other lodge and their prospects are excellent. The lodge was in charge of W. Bro. Duncan with a very capable complement of officers and it was a real pleasure to visit them. Masonry is in good hands here and the prospects are excellent. The Secretary, W. Bro. Dewar, takes his office very seriously and the result is that the lodge records are complete in every way.

In those visits I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. R. A. Everett, W. Bro. M. Roll, Bro. J. F. Hansel and W. Bro. A. L. Sanders, and to them I wish to express my appreciation for the very valuable assistance they gave me at all times. I would also like to thank W. Bro. N. W. Connolly of Apollo Lodge No. 27 for the assistance and guidance he gave me during my term of office. In all my visits I did not see any degree work, but I am convinced that in this Masonic District, Masonry is in good and capable hands. The membership in the district has decreased by seventeen but of these ten were lost by death.

Those of our members who have passed on will all be missed but their sojourn amongst us has been worth while and we cherish their memories.

I had the unfortunate experience soon after taking office of having to deal with the circular letter sent out by Apollo Lodge No. 27 relating to the changes in the York Rite. The whole incident was distressing, but it was all done with the best intentions and was not meant as a reflection on the work of Grand Lodge. I deeply appreciate the action of the M. W. the Grand Master in calling a meeting and in company with other Grand Officers dealing with the matter in the kindly manner he did. No doubt this will be covered elsewhere in the Proceedings.

To the officers and members of the various lodges throughout this district, I wish to express my thanks for the many courtesies extended to me and the brethren who accompanied me. We were met everywhere with kindness and dignity. I am deeply sensible of the honor that was accorded me in being elected to this office, and in carrying out of the many duties connected therewith I was deeply aware of my limitations. The experience gained has meant much to me and if any time I was remiss in my duties or in the manner in which I dealt with my office, I ask your indulgence.

In W. Bro. Ballentine I have a worthy successor and I bespeak for him the same kindly assistance and indulgence the members of this Masonic District gave me.

We are passing through troublesome times and while many dark days are ahead of us, let us cling close to the ideals of the Craft in our dealings one with the other and by doing so we will hasten the day when we shall "Brothers be for all that".

Fraternaly yours,

DAVID DRINNAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 10th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report covering my term as your Deputy in the Tenth Masonic District for the year June A.L. 5939 to June A.L. 5940.

Throughout the entire district I am happy to report a splendid fraternal spirit prevailing among the brethren in the individual lodges as well as the most cordial relations existing between the lodges themselves. Without exception I have been received with the greatest courtesy and have enjoyed exceedingly the genuine fellowship and generous hospitality extended to me.

There has been evidence of increased interest, and wherever it was my privilege to witness the conferring of degrees I was very favorably impressed with the calibre of the candidates and the careful and impressive manner in which the work was done. All lodges in the district appear to be operating within their means, although outstanding dues are still a major problem with many of them. There is a slight decrease in the total membership compared with last year, but I am hopeful that with the revival of interest, that appears to be general, this condition will be improved.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is read in all lodges in the district, and is a source of interest and much appreciated.

A number of interesting questions were brought forward during some of my visits which gave evidence of a keen interest existing in the historic, symbolic and fundamental principles of the Order.

Books and records in all the lodges are in good order and well kept, and business well attended to. There are some exceptions to this rule as regards the Historical Registers. In some of the lodges the detail and completeness of this work is a credit to its author, in others not so commendable. In the latter cases I laid particular stress on the unique value of this record and urged the lodge to give some thought and attention to bringing it up to date.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on September 23rd, 1939. The meeting was opened in Due Form by W. Bro. W. H. Noble and officers of Empire Lodge No. 63. The D.D.G.M. was received and assumed the gavel, and had the honor and privilege of immediately receiving with customary honors the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, accompanied by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Officers.

Owing to the fact that harvesting operations were at their busiest in some of the country districts, the attendance was not up to expectations. After the reading of the minutes of previous meeting by W. Bro. M. J. Brodie, District Secretary, reports were given by the Masters present outlining special work and items of interest that had taken place in their lodges during the year. A number of questions relating to the work, ceremonies and Constitution were brought up and dealt with by the Grand Secretary, amplified by suggestions and advice from the Grand Master. Demonstrations of certain sections of the Work were given by Officers of Empire Lodge No. 63, Lamont Lodge No. 94 and Dominion Lodge No. 117. At 6:15 p.m. dinner was served in the Temple banquet room, followed by the usual toasts and short entertainment period.

The evening session opened at 8:00 p.m., first order of business being the unanimous election of W. Bro. R. E. Harrison of Lamont Lodge No. 94 as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year. W. Bro. J. McCrea, on behalf of St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, invited the brethren to hold their next District Meeting in the Vegreville Masonic Hall, which invitation was also unanimously accepted.

R. W. Bro. W. Hudson Scott was presented with a set of P.D. D.G.M. regalia by the Grand Master on behalf of the district.

The meeting was then favored with an inspiring and instructive address by the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore who, in his usual able and interesting manner, outlined among other matters of real and particular interest to the brethren and Craft in general, the great benevolent work that was being done by Grand Lodge in a quiet and unassuming way.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Acacia Lodge No. 11. My official visit to this lodge was made at their first regular meeting after summer vacation, on September 14th, 1939. The attendance was good and is consistently good. The lodge is well supported by the Past Masters and shows evidence of the energetic work done by the numerous committees that are maintained. Special nights and social features are given attention and a splendid spirit of harmony and good fellowship prevails.

It was my privilege by commission of the Grand Master to invest V. W. Bro. C. Lilley, Secretary of the lodge, as Grand Steward.

Victoria Lodge No. 13. I visited this lodge on January 23rd, 1940, their first meeting of the year, with the new officers in charge. This is one of the oldest lodges in the province, but in recent years, due doubtless to conditions and changes that have affected many other small towns located near larger urban centres, difficulties have been encountered in maintaining attendance and membership. Outstanding dues are a particular problem with this lodge, and with a view to assisting them in a remedy to this condition, a special meeting was called by order of the Grand Master, which was held on March 9th, 1940, and was attended by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge officers. An enjoyable and profitable time was spent and I am hopeful that the experienced assistance and advice given will have the happy result desired.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24. I paid my official visit on October 3rd, 1939, which was a particularly enjoyable occasion, in that I was privileged to witness the passing of four candidates, in a splendidly impressive manner. This lodge has a fine and enthusiastic membership, well officered and displaying a splendid spirit of fellowship and a keen knowledge and appreciation of the dignity and principles of our fraternity.

St. John's Lodge No. 25. After being forced by impassable roads to cancel two previous appointments with St. John's Lodge, I was able to pay my official visit on May 6th, 1940. The attendance was splendid. I was deeply impressed with the dignity and efficiency shown in conduct of lodge business and ceremonies. I was exceedingly happy to be accompanied on this visit by Bro. R. J. Nell of Polela Lodge No. 3087 G.R.E. Maritzburg, Natal, South Africa. Following the refreshment period Bro. Nell, after touching briefly on Freemasonry in his country, gave us a wonderfully interesting and instructive address, which he suggested at the outset would be "Africa in a Nutshell". No words of mine can express how much this was enjoyed by us all. The brethren of St. John's Lodge, however, evidenced to Bro. Nell in no uncertain way, the pleasure, interest and enjoyment they had received. Bro. Nell is the exchange teacher from South

Africa and took up his residence in Edmonton at the beginning of the 1939-40 school term and will be returning to his home land about the middle of June, 1940.

Hope Lodge No. 38. I visited this lodge at their regular meeting on October 9th, 1939, and was impressed with the enthusiastic interest shown in the vital and deeper meaning of Masonry. A splendid spirit of fellowship is displayed and the welcome accorded and kindness with which I was received will long be remembered.

Empire Lodge No. 63. I paid my official visit to this lodge on November 20th, 1939. As this is my own lodge, it might be well to leave comment as to the efficiency and condition to my successor. It was a particularly proud occasion to myself as this year marks the 25th anniversary of my membership in Empire Lodge. I appreciated very much the kind words of greeting given me by the Master W. Bro. W. H. Noble. Empire Lodge is well supported by loyal Past Masters, and endeavors always to maintain the perfection and dignity in the work for which it is noted.

Norwood Lodge No. 90. My official visit was November 14th, 1939, and I was impressed as always on visiting this lodge with the spirit and enthusiasm that is displayed. The attendance is well maintained and the lodge is to be congratulated on the splendid way in which the books and records are kept by their Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. Horrocks. The Historical Register is a work of art, and will be a prized possession of the lodge in future years.

Lamont Lodge No. 94. I visited this lodge officially on February 14th, 1940, and felt as I have done on previous visits, that the brethren have the happy faculty of making you feel immediately at home and among Masons who have a full understanding of the great basic principles of our institution. The excellent condition of books and records kept by their Secretary, V. W. Bro. L. B. Adams, is worthy of special mention. My visit to this lodge happened to fall on the day that Canada learned of the passing of our beloved Governor-General, Lord Tweedsmuir. A splendid tribute, including highlights in the life of this great man, was given by W. Bro. A. R. Gibson, a Past Master of the lodge.

Dominion Lodge No. 117. I paid my official visit to this lodge on January 24th, 1940, and was privileged to witness the exemplification of the second degree by the new officers. The work was well done and gave evidence of careful preparation. A fine spirit of fellowship exists. This lodge is active and displays earnest attention to lodge business, and good attendance is maintained, due in part doubtless to the work of their strong social committee.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131. I visited this lodge on August 29th, 1939. The second degree was conferred on a candidate and the work was well done. I was impressed with the excellent way in which the new brother had been instructed in his first degree. It was gratifying to note that out of a very scattered membership totalling 29 brethren, 14 were present on this occasion, with ten visitors. This was my first official lodge visit and the kindly welcome I received was an encouraging beginning for my year's work.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145, St. Paul. I regret that owing to the

impassable condition of roads, it has not been possible for me to visit this lodge at time of mailing this report.

Waskatenau Lodge No. 154. I paid my official visit on September 6th, 1939. This is the newest and smallest lodge in the district, but by no means the least in the understanding and preservation of the sacred landmarks of Masonry. One candidate was initiated, and the perfect manner in which the degree was conferred, was proof that no labor had been spared in preparation. The records are in excellent condition, and the business of the lodge well looked after.

In conclusion I want to express my thanks to W. Bro. M. J. Brodie, District Secretary, for his kind support and assistance, also to the other brethren who accompanied me on my visits, and on their behalf, as well as my own, to sincerely thank the brethren of District No. 10 for the hospitality and kindness so unsparingly extended to us.

To my successor W. Bro. R. E. Harrison I extend best wishes, and express the hope that his term will give him the same amount of pleasure and enjoyment that has been mine.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. PYLE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Blackie, April 20th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 11.

I have made official visits to each lodge in the district and have visited unofficially on some occasions.

My first opportunity to serve in the capacity as D.D.G.M. was to act, on invitation of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, as Installing Master for this lodge at Carmangay on the night of June 26th, 1939. The goodfellowship which was extended to me on that occasion, M. W. Sir, was a great help and encouragement in preparing me for the duties as your Deputy in this district. Owing to inclement weather, Pyramid Lodge No. 108 of Lomond, could not attend. With the assistance of five P.D.D.G.M.'s, the officers of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 and Cresset Lodge No. 136, were duly installed in form. It also was my pleasure, at your request, M. W. Sir, to invest W. Bro. S. R. Craig, of Robert Burns Lodge, as Grand Steward of the Grand

Lodge of Alberta. Lodge was closed in harmony by the newly installed officers of Cresset Lodge, after which the brethren spent a social hour at a delicious banquet.

It was my pleasure, on invitation of Champion Lodge No. 84, to act as Installing Master at a Joint Installation at Champion on December 27th, 1939, for Champion, Nobleford and Granite Lodges. Here I was ably assisted by several P.D.D.G.M.'s and P.M.'s. Lodge was closed by the newly installed Officers of Champion Lodge No. 84. During a social hour at the banquet following, there was considerable discussion in regard to the installing ceremony. It was a pretty general opinion that a shorter ceremony should cover all the minor officers.

Officially I visited each lodge in my district once, as follows:

September 21st, 1939	...Pyramid Lodge No. 108, Lomond
October 3rd, 1939	...Vulcan Lodge No. 74, Vulcan
October 12th, 1939	Champion Lodge No. 84, Champion
November 13th, 1939	...Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, Carmangay
November 14th, 1939	...Nobleford Lodge No. 111, Nobleford
December 4th, 1939	Cresset Lodge No. 136, Barons
January 3rd, 1940	Granite Lodge No. 127, Blackie

On my visits I always had an escort of W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and officers of some of the lodges and on two occasions, the D.D.G.M. elect. Some of my visits were made during the harvest season, at which times the attendance was only fair, but later in the season the attendance was good. The visit to Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, was one of the outstanding and the gathering represented 10 different lodges. It was Past Masters' Night and they conferred the third degree and conducted the work in a very creditable manner.

Granite Lodge No. 127, conferred the second degree on two candidates on the occasion of my official visit. It was the first night for the new officers, but nevertheless the work was put on in a very able manner.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 11, was held in the Masonic hall at Blackie, on November 1st, 1939, with a splendid attendance. Members from all lodges in this district attended as well as a good representation from Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, of District No. 6, also many others. All present were pleased to have the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. Ellis, S.G.W., as our honored guests. Each lodge of the district took an active part in the afternoon programme. M. W. Bro. Kemmis gave a short address regarding the demonstrations by different lodges and his remarks were very instructive and all present received valuable information from them. R. W. Bro. Ellis gave a short but very interesting address which was appreciated by all.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:45 p.m. to attend dinner, served by the Blackie United Church Ladies' Aid.

Labor was resumed at 7:30 p.m. with the officers of Champion Lodge No. 84 in the Chairs. Nominations were called for D.D.G.M. of District No. 11; W. Bro. Geo. Depue of Champion Lodge No. 84,

was nominated, and being the only nomination, was declared elected, subject to the M. W. the Grand Master's approval. W. Bro. Depue thanked the brethren for the honor bestowed on him and invited District No. 11 to hold the next annual meeting at Champion.

R. W. Bro. Dayman was called to the chair and with a few fitting words the Grand Master presented him with the jewel of P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 11. R. W. Bro. Dayman thanked the officers and members of the district for the presentation and the assistance given him during his term of office.

R. W. Bro. Casteel of Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, gave an interesting address on the changes instituted in the work of York Rite Lodges. The address of the Grand Master was indeed most interesting and many remarked on the clear and impressive manner each point was explained.

GENERAL

M. W. Sir, I would say that Masonic conditions in this district are good, all lodges are holding their own and are looking forward towards an active future.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and brethren of all lodges in this district for the co-operation given me during my term of office and am deeply conscious of the honor bestowed on me. I am also very grateful to W. Bro. E. Wellman, District Secretary, who assisted me in many ways.

I feel Grand Lodge will be well represented in this district for the ensuing Masonic year, by the D.D.G.M. elect, W. Bro. Depue, and I feel sure he will receive the same kind co-operation given me.

Faternally submitted,

R. J. WILDERMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 30th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1939-40.

During the fall months of 1939 I visited every lodge in the district once, and most of the city lodges more than once. If possible, before June, I will have visited every lodge in the district twice or more.

Visiting each rural lodge once means travelling over 1,500 miles by automobile. I therefore recommend, as several previous D.D.G.M.'s. have, that this district be altered to make it easier for the D.D.G.M. to visit the country lodges.

I wish to express my appreciation of the assistance I received in my country visits from R. W. Bros. Kilgour, Burton, Fowler, Booth, Steele, and W. Bro. Paton and others. On account of the very wet weather, some of the visits were made under the handicap of driving through deep mud. In the rural lodges several show a distinct improvement in attendance and work, while others seem to remain at a standstill, which seems to be accounted for by the lack of candidates, which is generally followed by a lack of interest among the members.

In the city lodges there seems to be a renewed activity and interest. The attendance is improved, and more candidates, particularly younger men are being received. The financial condition of the lodges is also better.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is now received by all lodges as a regular addition to the general lodge proceedings, and is read and appreciated by practically all the members. Historical Registers of most of the lodges show a better interest in the recording of the important events. One Historical Register, Strathcona Lodge No. 77, calls for especial mention, being the work of W. Bro. Cottle, his record of the Coronation year being of special merit. The Secretaries of most of the lodges do their utmost to make the work of the D.D.G.M. easier and are to be complimented on their returns and promptness of the same.

The District Meeting of Districts No. 3 and 12 was held at Edmonton, on Saturday, October 28th, 1939. This meeting was well attended, all lodges being represented except two, which were unable to attend on account of distance and road conditions. M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, attended the meeting. The Grand Master addressed the assembly on matters of general Masonic interest which was much appreciated by all present.

W. Bro. John Paterson of Strathcona Lodge No. 77, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41. I would sincerely recommend that the lodges of the district make a more concerted effort to be represented at District Meetings, not only by regular delegates such as Masters and Wardens but by the rank and file of the membership, as it is noted that each succeeding year is productive of more helpful instruction to the individual Mason who is after all the backbone of our institution.

I also wish to express my appreciation of the excellent receptions, I and the brethren who accompanied me, received at every lodge visited during the year. The confidence expressed by their willingness to discuss with me their difficulties and troubles, repaid me many times for the energy and effort expended.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 12 for the privilege of serving you during the year, in the capacity of D.D.G.M. The friends made, the courtesies extended to me, and

the happy visits shall never be forgotten, and I ask of you, for my successor, W. Bro. Paterson, the same support which has so generously been accorded to me.

Fraternally submitted,

M. A. McINTYRE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Wembley, June 8th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the annual report for Masonic District No. 13, 1939-40. I deeply regret that this report must be regarded as unsatisfactory, the impassable state of the roads in the autumn and my health during the winter months being the contributing causes.

My first official duty was a fraternal visit in company with R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts, and W. Bro. C. Stacey, to Peace Lodge No. 126, G. R.B.C. at Dawson Creek, the occasion being the installation of officers. Other visitors included many brethren from Spirit River and Sexsmith. The work was done very efficiently by R. W. Bro. Clark, a P.D.D.G.M. of this district now residing in the "Block". The hearty reception of visitors was just another indication of the splendid fraternal feelings existing between the brethren of the two Jurisdictions.

Our District Meeting was held at Wembley on August 1st, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. and included representatives from all the lodges in the district as well as a number of brethren from Peace Lodge. We were honored by the presence of our Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master, all of whom gave most interesting and instructive addresses during the meeting. Fairview was selected as the place for our next meeting.

This being the 21st Anniversary of the constituting of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 and Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, the brethren had arranged, instead of an evening session, a very elaborate banquet, followed by a dance, to be held at Lake Saskatoon, this being the place where the lodges were constituted. At the banquet, addresses were given by the visiting Grand Officers and a number of local speakers, dealing largely with anecdotes of the early days and the trials and difficulties experienced. After the banquet, and while they were preparing the hall for the dance, Bro. Lynas of Spirit River exhibited a number of reels of the Royal Progress across Canada, in the Masonic Hall at Wembley. The short run of five miles and return proved a very

acceptable interlude, after having shown in a very practical way our appreciation of the many good things to eat prepared by the Ladies of St. Andrews Church, Lake Saskatoon. The films were excellent and the thanks of all are hereby extended to Bro. Lynas for his kindness in showing them.

August 2nd was enjoyably spent showing our M. W. Grand Master some of the many beauty spots of this region, as this was his first visit amongst us. He was particularly interested in visiting the widely known region of Aspen Ridge, where in the early days the settlers congregated via horse and ox transport to gather the blue berries and moss cranberries, which were so plentiful they could be harvested with automatic pickers, but the absence of the automatic on this occasion in no way dampened the ardor of our esteemed visitor.

August 3rd saw a veritable exodus of members of Northland, Spirit River, Sexsmith, Grande Prairie, Lake Saskatoon and Hythe lodges to Dawson Creek, the occasion being the fraternal visit of our Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the escort of R. W. Bro. W. Grant of Lake Saskatoon, who not only constituted Peace Lodge at the request of the Grand Master of British Columbia but who has ever since acted as D.D.G.M. for that Grand Lodge in the "Block". Needless to add that under such able sponsorship the welcome given our Grand Lodge representatives was one that will long be remembered by those eminent brethren.

After the lodge meeting there was a banquet and addresses by the visitors, that of our Grand Master being very warmly applauded. Thanks are hereby tendered to W. Bro. Norman Leslie for his kindness in transporting our visitors to Dawson Creek and to W. Bro. J. G. McQuarrie and Mrs. McQuarrie for their kind hospitality at their home in Hythe.

On the evening of August 4th a meeting was held at Grande Prairie Lodge room to give our Grand Master another opportunity to meet the brethren and of course the usual hospitality of Grande Prairie Lodge was much enjoyed afterwards. Bidding goodbye on August 5th, he left with our Deputy Grand Master under the guidance and care of the indefatigable W. Bro. Leslie to visit the region north of the Peace, where though I could not accompany him I am sure he was as warmly welcomed as he was in Grande Prairie district.

While the visit of our Grand Master was longer than the usual visits of preceding Grand Masters, I would like to take this opportunity to point out that in the twenty or more years these visits have ushered in a psychology not to be overlooked. In the great regions sequestered geographically by the conditions of terrain, the Province of Alberta and the Peace River country have come to be looked upon as two geographical entities separate and apart from each other, and except for the continued interest taken by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and its officers in this faraway part of the Jurisdiction we sometimes feel that Alberta is a name only, and the people that live there might be in another country, so little do they know of us. This Masonic connection is very real and is appreciated I think by all of us, whether from "outside" or "inside"—two terms always used by ourselves, for people come "in" or go "out".

If those who "come in" on official business could only have the fraternal advantages of our Masonic visitors, what a difference it

would make and "outside" would cease to have the meaning it now has to the people here, while as a community we would regard ourselves as really Albertans, as I am afraid too many do not do now. It is a grand example of what Masonry is capable of doing to encourage united effort in this Canada of ours, which is so greatly in need of such an influence, and never more so than in the present crisis. Only by this Masonic spirit can the evils of sectionalism be abolished.

I visited Hythe Lodge on July 27th, 1939. There was a good attendance and from the manner in which the business of the evening was conducted it was apparent that the W. M. and his officers were competent and the lodge in good hands. The I.P.M., W. Bro. Rivers, a member of the R.C.M.P., was transferred to another post recently, to the great regret of the lodge. He was an energetic and efficient Master and gave leadership that will be felt for years to come. The lodge uses the Grand Lodge Bulletin regularly.

Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 was visited on August 9th, when all officers were present. The work in the third degree was well and carefully exemplified in raising a candidate. Their books are well kept and the Historical Register is being written up to date. They are planning a series of Masonic studies for the coming year, based on the Hiram Legend as set out in our 1934 Proceedings. This lodge is in good financial condition and they subscribe for 25 copies of the Bulletin monthly—a copy for each member.

On January 3rd, 1930, Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 at Wembley, my own lodge, was officially visited. Owing to a bereavement in his family the Master was absent and the Senior Warden was also unavoidably unable to attend. The first degree was conferred on a candidate by R. W. Bro. A. E. W. Roberts in a very impressive manner, which was an event as both the Acting Master and the candidate had served in the Great War. The books are in good order and the Historical Register well up to date.

Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 I visited officially on May 15, 1940. The attendance was very good and I had the pleasure of witnessing the second degree conferred on a candidate by the officers in excellent form. The books are well kept, but the Historical Register should be written up. This is the largest lodge in this district, with a membership of 79. The average attendance, however, might be improved. There are eleven subscribers to the Grand Lodge Bulletin and more use of it in the lodge would be an advantage.

On June 6th I paid an official visit to Spirit River Lodge No. 116, having requested them to hold an emergent meeting for me. There was a fair attendance. The books are well kept, including the Historical Register. The Bulletin is read in lodge but there are no individual subscribers. This lodge suffered the loss by death of both their Wardens last fall and the membership generally has had a great deal of sickness, creating a heavy falling off in attendance and added difficulties for the Master. However, this has always been an active lodge and I expect them to rapidly recover the lost ground.

In order to visit as many lodges as possible, I requested Northland Lodge No. 147 at Fairview to give me an afternoon meeting, on June 7th, to which they very kindly consented, enabling me to reach Peace River for an evening meeting the same day. We had all the principal officers present at this lodge and some of the others,

it being mail day, attendance was small, but making up for that was the evident interest and real enthusiasm for Masonry which animated those present. The meeting was an inspiration to me. This lodge is doing good work and should prosper.

Arriving in Peace River I found a full lodge room, all the officers present, including nine Past Masters and several members. No work was exemplified, but from what I saw I would say the officers are competent and well skilled. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Norris, keeps the books in good order and has done so for many years. It was a particular pleasure to recognise the obvious interest he takes in his work. They use the Bulletin in lodge but have no subscribers. They also give attention to Masonic education and prospects appear to be excellent for the lodge. I have to thank Peace River officers and members for giving me such an opportunity to visit them.

Being at Peace River I decided to go on to High Prairie and visit Wahpun Lodge No. 88, but regretted to find on my arrival that so many members were away it was not possible to hold a lodge meeting. However, I met the Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. A. Walker, and from his information the lodge appears to be in good condition.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred upon me, and regret that through unavoidable circumstances I have been unable to fill the duties of the office as I would like to have done.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT E. CAMPBELL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Delia, April 26th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 14. In the following report I trust you will find the condition of Masonry satisfactory.

I wish to thank you and the brethren of District No. 14 for the honor conferred upon me of being your representative, and I can assure you that the past year has been the best and most pleasant experience of my Masonic life. It has been a great pleasure for me in spite of the inclement weather and the bad state of the roads to have been able to visit every lodge within my jurisdiction. I also wish to express my thanks to W. Bro. Sutherland and to Bro. J. D.

McKay for having been my constant companions on my official visits to every lodge in the district, also to R. W. Bro. Grant, who although a very busy man, acted as Secretary for District No. 14 in a very efficient manner.

On October 20th, 1939, a District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall at Delia and although the weather was not of the very best, and the roads in a very poor condition, 76 of the brethren braved the elements to enjoy a splendid meeting.

During the afternoon, reports of the Masters of the different lodges were given and all were very encouraging. Hand Hill Lodge No. 98 exemplified the Entered Apprentice Degree and the brethren putting on the work were highly complimented by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis.

R. W. Bro. A. G. Bond gave a short paper in his usual able manner. The meeting was called from labor to refreshment at 5:45 p.m. and the brethren retired to the Queens Hotel where a banquet was served and a very enjoyable time was spent.

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting was resumed and an election for the office of District Deputy Grand Master of this district for the ensuing year was held and W. Bro. J. Barton of Acadia Lodge, Youngstown, was unanimously elected and my best wishes go to him for a successful term as District Deputy for District No. 14. Youngstown was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

The main item on our program for our District Meeting was the address given by M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master. It was a most outstanding address and was greatly enjoyed by every brother present. Questions of Masonic interest were ably answered by the Grand Secretary and a splendid address was also given by V. W. Bro. F. W. Rymer, J.G.D.

My official visits to the lodges of District No. 14 took place as follows:

My first visit was to Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 at Pollockville, on August 23rd, and although this lodge is in the so-called dry area, it is going ahead and many new members are joining, a fine fraternal spirit pervades this lodge and we had a splendid meeting.

My second visit was to Acadia Lodge No. 82 at Youngstown on October 16th, and it so happened that this was the 25th Anniversary of the instituting of the lodge. It was founded in the year of the Great War, 1914, and it was celebrating the 25th anniversary at the beginning of another world war, which seemed a very strange coincidence. During the evening a scroll was presented to Bro. Gilchrist signed by all the brethren present on the 58th anniversary of his having been made a Mason. Many former old members of Acadia Lodge were present and a most enjoyable time was spent.

My third visit was to Crocus Lodge No. 115 at Chinook, on November 1st, and I had the pleasure of seeing the first degree conferred in the Canadian Rite in a very impressive manner. The officers of this lodge were very efficient and had their work up, in first class shape. There was a good attendance in spite of the condition of the roads, and we had a very successful meeting.

My fourth visit was to Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 at Craigmyle, on November 21st. On account of the condition of the roads we did not have a very large attendance. The brethren of Craigmyle Lodge are cheerfully carrying on in spite of adverse conditions and we spent a very enjoyable evening.

My fifth visit was to my own lodge, Hand Hill No. 98, on November 22nd. On account of some threshing still going on only a fair number of brethren were present. However, there were several brethren from Symbol Lodge at Drumheller and we enjoyed their visit very much. I addressed the brethren on the Landmarks of Masonry, after which we had refreshments and the ensuing hour was enjoyed very much by all the brethren present.

My sixth visit was to Oyen Lodge No. 104 at Oyen on December 1st and we had a splendid meeting. The third degree was conferred in the York Rite and as it was the first time I had ever seen this degree conferred in this Work I was very much impressed by the entire ceremony and also with the high efficiency of the officers and their work. This lodge is going ahead and are to be congratulated on the progressive spirit displayed by its members.

My seventh visit was to Hanna Lodge No. 78 at Hanna, on the 7th February, 1940. There were a fair number of the brethren in attendance and a lecture on the Pyramids by W. Bro. Dr. Wade was much enjoyed. I also addressed the brethren, after which an enjoyable social hour was spent. I was unable to examine the books of this lodge as they were in the hands of the auditors during my visit.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

I find the condition of Masonry in District No. 14 is fair. In the so-called drought area which composes the four lodges lying east of Hanna, I might say, as far as new members are concerned, those lodges seem to have a new lease of life as a large number are joining. I would attribute this to better crops and more especially to the cutting down of fees, as there is a vast difference between the lowest fee for initiation of \$25.00 and the largest fee charged of \$60.00. The three lodges to the west, Hanna, Craigmyle and Delia, seem to be at a standstill and I might suggest that the scaling down of the fees of those lodges might help to bring in members.

In general I am satisfied that Masonry in this district is on the upgrade. I have found that in the examination of the books and records of the various lodges the Secretaries seem to be proficient in their work. The membership of the district has increased and the lodges financially are well able to carry on.

I wish to thank all the lodges in the District for the kind reception they gave me as the Grand Master's representative. They were truly Masonic and Fraternal. It has been a pleasure, M. W. Sir, for me to act as your Deputy. I have done what I could during my term of office to further the best interests of the Craft and wish for my successor, W. Bro. Barton, an enjoyable term as District Deputy Grand Master.

In closing I wish to thank the brethren of my own lodge, Hand Hill No. 98, for accompanying me on my visits to the lodges in this

district, and would thank you again for the honor conferred upon me as your Deputy for District No. 14.

Faternally submitted,

W. B. DUNLOP,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Truchu, April 23rd, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you for your consideration my report on the condition of the lodges and Masonry in general in District No. 15. It has been a great privilege, M. W. Sir, to have the honor of representing Grand Lodge as District Deputy for the past year and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Grand Secretary for the interest and help you have given me in all the problems of this district during my term of office.

I have visited all lodges in the district at least once officially and have made several unofficial visits. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the very cordial reception I received on all occasions. I feel certain there is a true Masonic spirit in District No. 15 and look forward to continued progress. There has been a noticeable increase in applications for initiation in most of the lodges this year which it is felt will continue.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Irricana on October 3rd, when we had the pleasure of your presence, M. W. Sir, and that of M. W. Bros. Kemmis and C. C. Hartman, P.G.M.'s. The meeting was well attended despite the heavy rains and bad condition of the roads. The beautiful lodge hall of Irricana was almost filled to capacity and I feel greatly indebted to R. W. Bro. Leroy Bond, my District Secretary, for making the arrangements for the meeting. I was received in form by the Officers of Irricana Lodge, after which the visiting Grand Lodge Officers were received with honors and introduced by R. W. Bro. Nicholson, of Irricana.

After the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed the Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. Raper with P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia and Bro. Raper ably responded. We were then favored with a very interesting and inspiring address by Bro. Frame of Drumheller, which

was enjoyed by all. At 6:00 p.m. members enjoyed a banquet prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star.

At the evening session the election of D.D.G.M. for the next year resulted in W. Bro. P. Hallam, of Irricana, being declared elected, subject to the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master. The meeting was then favored with one of the most inspiring addresses I have had the pleasure of hearing, by M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, and I am sure from the comments I have heard since that it was equally enjoyed by all present.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, Bashaw. I made my official visit to this lodge on August 27th, accompanied by W. Bro. Carter and Bros. McKinlay and Clarke, of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66. The officers were just newly installed and handled the lodge work well. The meeting was attended by R. W. Bros. Raper and Ford, but this being a very busy time of the year the attendance was not large and no degrees were conferred. The books of the lodge were in excellent shape under Bro. Hume. This lodge owns its home, of which it is justly proud, the members are very active and a true spirit of Masonry prevails. A very excellent evening was spent by myself and party.

Acme Lodge No. 60. My next official visit was to Acme Lodge on September 28th, accompanied by the Master and three other brethren from St. Andrew's. I was received in due form by the officers of the lodge, and R. W. Bro. Bond of Irricana and several other visitors were present. The second degree was conferred on two candidates in an able manner and R. W. Bro. Grainger exemplified the Working Tools, which was very impressive. The meeting was most enjoyable and instructive, after which, with R. W. Bro. Grainger as Toastmaster, there was a splendid refreshment hour. Bro. McGill has the books of the lodge in good shape. A spirit of optimism prevails at Acme and my visit to this lodge was a very pleasant one.

Irricana Lodge No. 137. I visited officially at this lodge on October 17th, accompanied by four brethren from St. Andrew's, including the Master. I sincerely appreciated the manner in which I was received. The lodge room is very pleasingly decorated and is one of the best in the district. The third degree was very ably conferred by the officers, who are very well skilled in their work, and I was much impressed with the candidate. I shall always cherish the memory of my visit to Irricana.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne. I officially visited this lodge on October 26th and considering the heavy roads from the snow storm there was a fair attendance. I was accompanied by several faithful brethren from my own lodge and was given a cordial reception. Although there was no degree work, there was a splendid meeting. This is the smallest lodge in the district, and with their three new members this year the membership is only 25. The books were ably kept by W. Bro. M. J. Manning. Since my visit this lodge has lost one of its most active members in the death of R. W. Bro. J. Raper, which will be severely felt.

Cyprus Lodge No. 133, Three Hills. I was officially received by this lodge on February 21st and accorded a splendid reception, being accompanied by four brethren from St. Andrew's. The third degree

was conferred in an able manner by officers of the lodge and the candidate was well skilled in his work. Nothing can stop the progress of a lodge when it has such capable officers as has Cyprus, who are very active and interested in their work. The books are in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. Hart. Visitors are always welcome here and I have made several unofficial visits to this lodge during my term of office. This lodge will be the meeting place of our next District Meeting and I feel sure they will leave nothing undone to make it a grand success.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109, Mirror. I officially visited this lodge on November 1st, accompanied by the usual brethren. On account of the lodge being chiefly composed of railroad men and this being a very busy time of the year for them, there was a small attendance of members, but several brethren from Alix were present, some from Stettler, and also R. W. Bro. Raper from Bashaw, who gave a very interesting address on our ancient brethren which was much enjoyed. This is the most prosperous lodge financially in the district, but it lacks in new members. The officers are very capable and this being the only York Rite lodge in this district I particularly enjoyed my visit.

Since my official visit, they have applied for and been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master permission to amalgamate with Ionic Lodge No. 45. While this is a great loss to District No. 15, a loss I regret to admit, I must console myself by considering it to be in the best interests of Freemasonry and I look forward to a successful future for Ionic Lodge No. 45.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu. Although I think I have attended every meeting of my mother lodge this year, I did not make my official visit until April 11th, when I was received in due form. Although St. Andrew's did not receive any new members last year, we have two for this year already and I feel that we will continue to progress. The second degree was ably conferred by the officers of the lodge and I very much enjoyed my visit to my mother lodge.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to District No. 15 for the honor they have done me in electing me D.D.G.M., and to you, M. W. Sir, in accepting their choice. I hope my efforts have not fallen too far short of what was expected of me. I believe there is a true Masonic spirit in this district and that it will continue to prosper. Again, I wish to thank all the brethren who assisted me.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. ROACH,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Standard, April 15th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the Sixteenth Masonic District for your consideration.

During my year of office I have visited officially each lodge in the district once and paid several unofficial calls.

The following is a list of the lodges and dates upon which I made my official visits:

Symbol Lodge No. 93. On the night of October the 12th, 1939, I paid the above lodge an official visit, accompanied by W. Bro. C. P. Dahl, the District Secretary. It being a very bad night, threatening rain and snow, the attendance was not very large, but was made up for in enthusiasm. The first degree was conferred on a candidate, and was well done. This Lodge is in a strong financial position, having a substantial bank balance and a splendid Temple, well furnished and well kept.

Carbon Lodge No. 107. This visit being on the 25th of July the night was very warm and the attendance was small. The W. M. who had been very sick for some time was able to take his place in the East on this occasion, but am sorry to say that he was later again confined to his home. Am glad to report that the Past Masters as well as the P.D.D.G.M.'s are taking a very active part in lodge work. Was accompanied on this occasion by the District Secretary and four other brethren from Standard Lodge. There was no degree work.

Rockyford Lodge No. 123. Visited this lodge on September 25th when the attendance was very small on account of harvest season being on. At the request of the Grand Master I had the honor of presenting R. W. Bro. C. R. Walrod with a certificate of appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of P.E.I. in Alberta. The W. M. not being present on this occasion W. Bro. Art Dunsmore, P.M., occupied the chair. This lodge owns its hall, and is almost clear of debt. There was no degree work on this occasion.

Hussar Lodge No. 130. On the evening of August 14th I visited this lodge, accompanied by two car loads of Standard brethren. The attendance was good at this meeting but was interrupted about 10:00 o'clock when a report was brought to the Tyler that help was wanted at a swimming hole about a mile out of town where a lad was just drowned. Quite a few of the brethren left, but returned later, when the second degree was conferred on Bro. R. C. Bell. This lodge has changed its time of election and installation of officers to June, and the new officers had only just been installed so the degree work was turned over to the Past Masters, and the work was wonderfully done. The regular officers opened and closed the lodge and no doubt will be a credit to Hussar Lodge.

Drumheller Lodge No. 146. On September the 19th I paid this lodge my official visit, the attendance being very good. No degree work was done, but the business of the lodge was conducted in a creditable manner and harmony prevails. This lodge holds its meetings in the Masonic Temple owned by Symbol Lodge and I must say that these two lodges work together very harmoniously.

Standard Lodge No. 152. Made my official visit to my home lodge on the evening of November 20th. This lodge has a small membership but interest is keen with Past Masters in the chairs. This lodge rents a hall which is located above a general store, the arrangement being very satisfactory. No degree work was done on this occasion; two applicants have been received since the first of the year. With another good crop in this district no doubt things will greatly improve. The lodge's finances are good.

Rosebud Lodge No. 149. After two former attempts I visited this lodge on the evening of December 13th, on the occasion of the annual election of officers. This is the smallest lodge in the district and I believe the smallest in the Province, having only 10 resident members and all were present but one. This lodge is having a struggle as regards membership, but financially are in good shape. There is no doubt that they will make some progress in the near future as the principal officers are all Past Masters and they are very enthusiastic and are determined to carry on. The matter of amalgamation as suggested by R. W. Bro. J. J. Martin last year has now been discarded.

Andy Davison Night. The 13th annual "Andy Davison Night" was celebrated by Standard Lodge on the evening of August the 13th, 1939. King George Lodge furnished the entertainment and Standard Lodge attempted to satisfy the wants of the inner man. On this occasion I gave a synoptic report of Standard Lodge's Historical Register which brought back old memories. The usual number from King George Lodge as well as other Calgary Lodges were present—60 visitors in all. The following lodges were represented: King George, Renfrew, Mt. Lebanon, Crescent, Perfection, Hussar, Strathmore, Rosebud, Vernon, B.C., Nelson, B.C., Cascade, Banff, Black Diamond, Wash., U.S.A. and Naval No. 69, New York City.

Joint Installation. On December 27th I had the honor of installing (jointly) the officers of Standard Lodge No. 152 and Rosebud Lodge No. 149 in the Standard lodge room, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. J. Martin. I think such occasions as this have a tendency to build up new fraternal friendships and no doubt stimulates new life in small lodges. Would suggest that more of this kind of work be done in the future, especially in small country lodges.

The Annual District Meeting was held at Carbon on October 4th, 1939. M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Master, honored us with a visit, accompanied by the Grand Secretary. R. W. Bro. George Ellis, J.G.W., drove out from Calgary for the evening session. All lodges in the district were represented and each Master gave a short report as to the standing of his own lodge. After routine business the afternoon session was adjourned for the purpose of attending a banquet. At the evening session the Grand Master gave a very interesting and inspiring address, and after hearing his address we had reason to be thankful that we are living in a free and democratic country. The Grand Secretary stressed the necessity of each lodge making use of

the Grand Lodge Bulletin. R. W. Bro. Ellis also addressed the meeting. Bro. W. E. Frame of Drumheller Lodge gave a very interesting talk on Ancient Craft Masonry.

W. Bro. A. L. Williams, who holds a dual membership in Standard and Rockyford Lodges, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Rockyford was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting.

My thanks are due to Carbon Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for the District Meeting. Also W. Bro. C. P. Dahl who served as District Secretary, and of course, I am not forgetting the brethren of Standard Lodge who were so kind as to accompany me on many of my official visits during my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST A. WAGLER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Holden, May 7th, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in District No. 17 for the year 1939-40. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Deputy for you during the past year.

Edgerton Lodge No. 102. My official visit to this lodge was made on August 28th, accompanied by several brethren from my own lodge as well as R. W. Bro. J. W. Fletcher, from Irma. Due to heavy roads we arrived an hour late. We received a hearty welcome and spent a most enjoyable evening. There was no degree work, but the general business of the lodge was efficiently conducted.

Another visit was made to this lodge several months later, when two third degrees were very efficiently conferred. This lodge is very active and due to a fair crop the past year, a spirit of optimism prevails. The books are well looked after and the lodge is in good financial condition. Their lodge hall which they own, is being constantly improved.

Albion Lodge No. 97. My only visit to this lodge was made on October 5th. We again picked up R. W. Bro. Fletcher at Irma and, as well, had the pleasure of the company of R. W. Bro. C. T. Lally from Wainwright. Although no degree work was conferred or exemplified, the business of the lodge was ably conducted by the officers. Prospects here are also much better, due to better crop conditions in

the district the past year. The books are well looked after; they own their own building and are in good financial circumstances. A fine spirit of harmony and brotherhood was evident in this lodge.

Palestine Lodge No. 46. Here I visit often, being only 22 miles from home. My official visit was made on October 17th, accompanied by a few of the faithful from Dynamic Lodge No. 96. A third degree was conferred in an excellent manner, four or five Past Masters taking part in the ceremony, as they usually do in this lodge. This lodge is fortunate in that they have a large number of Past Masters who take a steady interest in the lodge and assist in its work. Their books are up to date and well kept and they have no financial difficulties. They have four applications this past year and general conditions look encouraging for the future. At the close a tasty supper was served, at which time, among other speakers we had the pleasure of hearing from W. Bro. Harrison, D.D.G.M.-elect of District No. 10.

Gratton Lodge No. 144. My official visit was made here on October 9th, accompanied by a carload of brethren from Dynamic Lodge. A third degree was conferred and a number of Past Masters assisted at the ceremony. Their books are well kept and the lodge is in good financial circumstances. Although their quarters are rented, they are very suitable and their rent is exceptionally reasonable. This is an active lodge and their prospects appear to be very good. The brethren are enthusiastic Masons and we enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44. In company with a number of brethren from Dynamic Lodge, I made my official visit here on February 8th. Although no degree work was conferred or exemplified, the business done indicated the officers were well skilled in their duties. The books were neatly kept and accurate in all respects. Lack of new blood in this lodge is their great difficulty at present, but as harmony and good-fellowship prevail, I have every reason to believe they will prosper soon. We spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Connaught Lodge No. 69. Located only 25 miles east of us, we visit these hospitable brethren frequently. My official visit was made here on February 20th, and I found a healthy condition and a deep interest in Masonry. Connaught Lodge is fortunate to have as their Secretary Bro. H. B. Collier, who maintains a perfect set of books. A first degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the officers, assisted by several Past Masters. A carload of brethren from St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, were present and we had the pleasure of hearing from R. W. Bro. Hacker and R. W. Bro. Fraser at the refreshment hour. Connaught lodge has a healthy building fund and hope to have their own quarters in the not too distant future.

Dynamic Lodge No. 96. This is my home lodge, which I visited officially on December 6th, at which time a third degree was ably conferred and two applications for affiliation were voted upon. The books are in capable hands and well looked after. The lodge own their hall, of which they are very proud. This lodge is very active and has enjoyed a steady growth during the past five years, with a goodly number of young brethren coming up through the chairs. Harmony always prevails here.

Victory Lodge No. 112. On account of illness I was unable to make the trip to this lodge on the appointed evening of March 14th.

R. W. Bro. Fleming very kindly volunteered to make this visit for me. He was requested by the brethren to assist them in deciding whether or not the lodge should continue to operate, their small membership making this increasingly difficult. W. Bros. Hopkins and Forrest and Bro. Bell accompanied him and the latter delivered an inspiring address which convinced the brethren that they would be justified in carrying on. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed and they reported a very enjoyable evening.

From the above you will note that I did have the pleasure of seeing the majority of the lodges in this district confer some degree work and in each instance I was impressed with the efficiency of the officers, the keen interest they took in their work and the harmony that prevailed.

It was my good fortune to secure as District Secretary R. W. Bro. W. J. Fleming, to whom I am greatly indebted for counsel and help throughout the year.

There is a distinct improvement in the increase in membership during the past year. With but two exceptions the lodges in this district are making substantial growth and progress. It is also gratifying to note that the finances are in good shape, considering the economic conditions, and the work of the officers is uniformly well done.

I would like to express my appreciation to Wor. Bro. Forrest, who accompanied me on all my visits but one, also to R. W. Bros. Fletcher and Lally and other brethren from Dynamic Lodge, whose names space will not permit me to mention, who so kindly assisted me and accompanied me on the various visits made throughout the year.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 17 for the honor conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. and to express my appreciation for the kindness and hospitality extended to me during my various visits throughout the district.

Faternally yours,

G. H. SHIEMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

(Note: It is with extreme regret that the death of R. W. Bro. G. H. Shieman on August 5th is reported.)

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), seconded by M. W. Bro. T. F. English (23), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

GRAND MASTER OF MANITOBA

The Grand Master called on M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to address the brethren.

M. W. Bro. Henderson on rising received a fine ovation. He warmly thanked Grand Lodge for the splendid reception accorded him on being introduced that morning, saying he had not forgotten the welcome given him last year when he was made a member of this Grand Lodge and the rank of Honorary Deputy Grand Master was conferred on him, which he felt was also an honor to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. That was the first time an active officer of Manitoba could visit Alberta at their Annual Communication, both Bodies in the past meeting on the same day. It was due to the action of his Grand Lodge in changing their date of meeting that made the interchange of visits possible and he trusted from now on such exchanges would be more frequent, extending a cordial invitation to our Grand Master and Grand Secretary to again visit Winnipeg next year, when he would personally have the pleasure of welcoming them in his own Grand Lodge.

He declared himself as genuinely pleased in being introduced by a Past Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, and in meeting several old friends, members of his own Grand Lodge.

He especially mentioned the Flag Ceremony with which the proceedings had opened that day. If ever there was a time when we should demonstrate our loyalty to King and Country he felt it was right now and which had been done in full measure by the subsequent generous vote to the Dominion Government and the Royal Masonic Hospital in England.

He then stated that in casting about for some way in which to express his appreciation for the honor conferred upon him, he remembered that M. W. Bro. Moore when visiting in Winnipeg last week had mentioned that his Grand Secretary was still a member of the lodge in which he was initiated, fifty years ago—Spitzie Lodge, then No. 45 under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He had accordingly looked up the records in his own Grand Lodge office and found that M. W. Bro. Kemmis had been initiated on the 6th of June, 1890—just fifty years to the day that he was with them attending their Annual Communication. He was Master of his lodge in 1899 and D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District in 1904, all under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, so he felt it was entirely Constitutional that their Veteran's Jewel given for 50 years Masonic service should be presented to M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and he requested him to come forward. He presented the jewel, accompanied by many good wishes, and the presentation was greeted with much applause.

M. W. Bro. Henderson was not finished, however, and mentioned that M. W. Bro. Kemmis had asked him last year to try and find a photograph of the late M. W. Bro. Judge W. G. Scott, P.G.M. of Manitoba, who was Grand Master when the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed, and who came to Calgary and installed M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. Macdonald as Grand Master and invested the other officers of the new Grand Lodge on October 11, 1905. It proved a long search,

but a photo was finally found in the Grand Lodge office and he had much pleasure in presenting it now.

M. W. Bro. Kemmis replied, thanking him for the honor which had been conferred on him and stating that the photograph would be suitably placed in the Grand Lodge Library beside that of a well known and much loved brother, the late M. W. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. and for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, Deputy Grand Master, then spoke briefly in moving, seconded by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, "That Grand Lodge confer honorary rank of Past Grand Master on M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba." The motion was carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the fourteen months ending April 30th, 1940:

March 1st, 1939, Cash in Bank	\$ 3,377.10
Deposits, General Fund	17,759.71
	\$21,136.81
<i>Less:</i>	
Cheques issued	\$13,419.31
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds	4,343.50
	17,762.81
April 30th, 1940, Cash in Bank	\$ 3,374.00

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Booth (51), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending April 30th, 1940. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1939, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 319 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 27 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 122 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following:

King Hiram, No. 21 Feb. 8, 1940

Amendments to By-laws

Buffalo Park, No. 44. June 27, 1939
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.. July 10, 1939
Jasper, No. 14..... July 11, 1939

Crocus, No. 115.....	July 26, 1939
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Aug. 28, 1939
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	Aug. 28, 1939
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	Aug. 28, 1939
Comet, No. 50.....	Sept. 19, 1939
Grassy Lake, No. 57.....	Oct. 14, 1939
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	Oct. 24, 1939
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Oct. 31, 1939
Westlock, No. 114.....	Nov. 2, 1939
Tuscan, No. 43.....	Nov. 9, 1939
Bassano, No. 55.....	Nov. 23, 1939
York, No. 119.....	Nov. 23, 1939
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Nov. 23, 1939
Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	Nov. 29, 1939
Standard, No. 152.....	Nov. 30, 1939
Eureka, No. 10.....	Dec. 8, 1939
Joppa, No. 40.....	Dec. 22, 1939
Norwood, No. 90.....	Dec. 22, 1939
Crescent, No. 87.....	Jan. 3, 1940
Crocus, No. 115.....	Jan. 9, 1940
Acadia, No. 82.....	Jan. 10, 1940
Commercial, No. 81.....	Jan. 16, 1940
Pembina, No. 126.....	Jan. 31, 1940
Spitzie, No. 6.....	Feb. 5, 1940
Rosebud, No. 149.....	Feb. 5, 1940
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Feb. 20, 1940
Cavell, No. 125.....	Mar. 5, 1940
York, No. 119.....	Mar. 11, 1940
Cascade, No. 5.....	Mar. 18, 1940
Bowden, No. 42.....	Mar. 20, 1940
Lucerne, No. 159.....	Mar. 23, 1940
Vermilion, No. 24.....	April 8, 1940
Apollo, No. 27.....	April 15, 1940
Big Valley, No. 140.....	May 6, 1940
Edson, No. 68.....	May 7, 1940
Bow River, No. 1.....	May 16, 1940
Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	May 23, 1940
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 10, 1940

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Vulcan, No. 74.....	June 15, 1939
Crescent, No. 87.....	June 15, 1939
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	June 15, 1939
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 15, 1939
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	June 15, 1939
Big Valley, No. 140.....	June 15, 1939
Mountain View, No. 16.....	June 16, 1939
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 16, 1939
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 16, 1939
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 22, 1939
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 22, 1939
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June 22, 1939
Big Valley, No. 140.....	July 10, 1939

Granite, No. 127.....	Oct. 24, 1939
Vulcan, No. 74.....	May 28, 1940

To Hold Special Installations

Efficiency, No. 141.....	June 15, 1939
Spitzie, No. 6.....	June 16, 1939
Jasper, No. 14.....	June 16, 1939
Vermilion, No. 24.....	June 16, 1939
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 16, 1939
Hope, No. 38.....	June 16, 1939
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	June 16, 1939
Chinook, No. 47.....	June 16, 1939
Robert Burns, No. 49.....	June 16, 1939
Diamond City, No. 65.....	June 16, 1939
Connaught, No. 69.....	June 16, 1939
Norwood, No. 90.....	June 16, 1939
Patricia, No. 91.....	June 16, 1939
Dynamic, No. 96.....	June 16, 1939
Edgerton, No. 102.....	June 16, 1939
Pyramid, No. 108.....	June 16, 1939
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	June 16, 1939
Kitscoty, No. 131.....	June 16, 1939
Gratton, No. 144.....	June 16, 1939
Sharon, No. 157.....	June 16, 1939
Cresset, No. 136.....	June 20, 1939
St. Andrew's, No. 66.....	June 29, 1939
Pyramid, No. 108.....	June 29, 1939
Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	July 4, 1939
Edgerton, No. 102.....	July 4, 1939
Onoway, No. 138.....	July 4, 1939
Manyberries, No. 133.....	July 8, 1939
Big Valley, No. 140.....	July 10, 1939
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	July 10, 1939
Monitor, No. 120.....	July 19, 1939
Hussar, No. 130.....	July 25, 1939
Edson, No. 68.....	Aug. 10, 1939
Sharon, No. 157.....	Aug. 10, 1939
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Nov. 3, 1939
Zetland, No. 83.....	Nov. 6, 1939
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Nov. 22, 1939
Calgary, No. 23.....	Nov. 22, 1939
Commercial, No. 81.....	Nov. 22, 1939
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 29, 1939
North Star, No. 4.....	Nov. 30, 1939
Charity, No. 67.....	Dec. 2, 1939
Stratheona, No. 77.....	Dec. 2, 1939
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Dec. 2, 1939
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Dec. 8, 1939
York, No. 119.....	Dec. 8, 1939
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Dec. 11, 1939
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 11, 1939
Acacia, No. 11.....	Dec. 12, 1939
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec. 13, 1939
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec. 14, 1939
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 15, 1939

Melrose, No. 139	Dec. 15, 1939
Ashlar, No. 28	Dec. 19, 1939
Excelsior, No. 80	Dec. 19, 1939
Bowden, No. 42	Dec. 20, 1939
Oyen, No. 104	Dec. 20, 1939
Alliance, No. 135	Dec. 20, 1939
Mountain View, No. 16	Dec. 23, 1939
Summit, No. 30	Dec. 23, 1939
Innisfail, No. 8	Dec. 27, 1939
Drumheller, No. 146	Dec. 27, 1939
Bassano, No. 55	Jan. 2, 1940
Carbon, No. 107	Jan. 2, 1940
Renfrew, No. 134	Jan. 2, 1940
Morning Star, No. 79	Jan. 10, 1940
Champion, No. 84	Jan. 10, 1940
Hand Hill, No. 98	Jan. 11, 1940
Wahpun, No. 88	Jan. 16, 1940
Morning Star, No. 79	Feb. 19, 1940
Excelsior, No. 80	Mar. 2, 1940

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Monitor, No. 120	July 4, 1939
Ivanhoe, No. 142	Nov. 2, 1939
Harmony, No. 75	Nov. 6, 1939
Coronation, No. 72	Jan. 2, 1940
Provost, No. 61	Jan. 25, 1940
Spirit River, No. 116	Mar. 7, 1940
Kenilworth, No. 29	Mar. 15, 1940
Pembina, No. 126	April 1, 1940

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Dominion, No. 117	Oct. 10, 1939
Concord, No. 124	Oct. 30, 1939
Symbol, No. 93	Oct. 31, 1939
Zetland, No. 83	Nov. 6, 1939
Renfrew, No. 134	Jan. 3, 1940
Ashlar, No. 28	Jan. 6, 1940
Zetland, No. 83	Jan. 19, 1940

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Wetaskiwin, No. 15	June 16, 1939
Rosebud, No. 149	June 16, 1939
Concord, No. 124	Aug. 19, 1939
Sharon, No. 157	Aug. 30, 1939
St. Mark's, No. 118	Sept. 7, 1939
Camrose, No. 37	Sept. 25, 1939
Apollo, No. 27	Nov. 9, 1939
Rockyford, No. 123	Nov. 28, 1939
Empire, No. 63	Nov. 29, 1939
Craigmyle, No. 132	Dec. 4, 1939

Stratheona, No. 77.....	Feb. 26, 1940
Coal, No. 62.....	Mar. 8, 1940
Dominion, No. 117.....	May 16, 1940
Joppa, No. 40.....	May 18, 1940
Crossfield, No. 48.....	May 18, 1940
Comet, No. 50.....	May 28, 1940
King Hiram, No. 21.....	June 3, 1940

To Act Without Residence Qualifications

West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Mar. 14, 1940
Corinthian, No. 22.....	April 1, 1940
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	April 4, 1940

To Act With Physical Defect

Mayerthorpe, No. 148.....	May 11, 1940
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To Confer Degrees Within Time Prescribed by Constitution

Cascade, No. 5.....	Oct. 30, 1939
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Mar. 11, 1940
Zetland, No. 83.....	Mar. 18, 1940
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	April 6, 1940

To Ballot Within the Time Prescribed by the Constitution

Jasper, No. 14.....	May 18, 1940
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To Initiate a Candidate Under Age

North Star, No. 4.....	May 1, 1940
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To Re-Open a Lodge After Closing to Confer a Degree

Britannia, No. 18.....	April 5, 1940
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INCORPORATED LODGES

Certificates were issued to the following, to enable them to register for incorporation:

Rising Sun, No. 122.....	July 24, 1939
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Jan. 25, 1940

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M. W. the Grand Master, appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendations of their respective Grand Masters, were issued:

British Columbia.. W. Bro. D. D. Munro, Vancouver.
Louisiana..... W. Bro. Clarence H. Shaddock, Lake Charles.

Maine.....R. W. Bro. Wm. D. Bruce, Newport.
 Philippine Islands..W. Bro. Castor P. Cruz, Manila.
 Oregon.....R. W. Bro. Edward L. York, Portland.
 Tasmania.....V. W. Bro. A. H. Weedon, West Tamer.
 Texas.....W. Bro. R. O. Best, Corpus Christi.
 New Mexico.....W. Bro. Harris K. Lyle, Gallup.

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of Alberta, R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie of Crossfield, was commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Masonic Research and Education

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Chairman; R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, R. W. Bro. John Booth, and R. W. Bro. J. Raper (since died).

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. John Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

Grand Secretary's Report

R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale, Chairman; R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, and R. W. Bro. F. J. Pyle.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie, Chairman; M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, and M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby.

Editing and Publishing "The Work"

■ M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Chairman; M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone, V. W. Bro. F. Whitfield, and R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis.

Regulations re Permanent Committee on Work

M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Chairman; M. W. Bro. John Martland, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, and M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell.

Grand Lodge Elections

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, Chairman; R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1938 (as corrected) . . . 10,898

Increase		
Initiated		338
Passed	334	
Raised	319	
Joined (Affiliated)		180
Reinstated		90
Total Increase		558
Decrease		
Dimitted		227
Suspended N.P.D.		259
Suspended U.M.C.		1
Died		153
Total Decrease		640
Net Decrease		82
Total Membership, December 31, 1939		10,816

It should be noted in the foregoing synopsis of membership that the number of initiations has considerably increased in the past year and dismissions have decreased. There is a small increase in the number suspended N.P.D. and also in deaths, so that our net decrease of 82 is only a little more than half of that recorded last year.

The half-yearly returns from lodges show that a little more care is being taken by Secretaries, but there is still considerable room for improvement. For instance, this year a number of Master Mason certificates were returned for changes in names, the same having been reported incorrectly. All certificates are made out in accordance with the information given on the returns.

There are still some lodges who neglect to comply with the Constitution in having an impression or imprint of the lodge seal on all notices. It would not be very costly to have the seal printed on the notices, which a great many of the lodges now do.

Although there has been a drop in membership each year, the volume of correspondence in the office more than maintains its level, and may be taken as an indication of the activity of our lodges in many phases of Masonry. During the past year we reprinted the Constitution as well as issuing a new Work. In connection with our Constitution, I have received several applications for combined Constitution and Ceremonials. A number of years ago such an edition was published, but it was found that with constant amendments to the Constitution that part of the book became obsolete. In spite of this, and the issue of new Constitutions, members continued to use the combined book, causing confusion in the lodges with regard to the Constitution, although the Ceremonials remained the same. It was therefore decided not to print any new combined books, the Ceremonials being printed in pamphlet form of which only the Ceremony of Installation and the Burial Service are required by the lodges. With regard to the Installation Ceremonial, there is an unnecessarily large demand made for these pamphlets every year. It is apparent that very little care is taken of them, the same lodges applying year after year for copies. I would suggest that the Secretaries make a

point of collecting these ceremonials from the Installing Officers on nights of installation, keeping them for the following year.

With regard to the new Ritual, of which a large number have been issued, the lodges have been required to return the old copies when requesting the new Works, stating the offices to which they are attached. In this way a complete record is kept and the old books retired. I would comment on the condition of many of these copies which have been sent in. They have been unfit for use for several years, pages loose and even missing and generally in a dilapidated state. It is to be hoped that with the reduced price charged for the new Work, lodge officers will see to it that their copies are renewed before they are utterly worn out.

The Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge are printed in a sufficient number to supply all demands. In the past we have been charging \$1.00 each for current Proceedings to members and lodges who desire more than the three supplied. This is practically at cost, but very few are sold and while we endeavor to keep a number on hand our storage space is very limited and I would suggest in future that the current copies be sold at half price, or fifty cents, to those members who desire them.

I would like to refer to the question of Life Membership, certificates for which are issued from this office. Some of our lodges have by-laws authorizing the granting of Life Membership, which in many cases are interpreted as automatic in that when a member completes a term of membership, say twenty years, the Secretary applies to Grand Lodge for registration and certificate, without any notice of motion being given that the brother be elected a Life Member of the lodge. The Constitution provides that notice of motion must be given at one regular meeting and acted on at the next and the form of certificate issued by Grand Lodge states that the brother has been duly elected, etc. Therefore, I have insisted, before registration and the issue of certificate, that the regulations be complied with, it being my opinion that all the members of a lodge should know those who are being granted Life Membership as it is a matter that affects the funds of the lodge.

Lodges are required to send a financial statement on the special forms provided, to the Grand Lodge office and the D.D.G.M. at the end of their financial year, which in most cases coincides with the date of their installation. Thus the lodges installing in June make their financial statement as of June 30th each year, while those that install in December make their's at December 31st. It necessarily follows that the report on the financial standing of the lodges made at Grand Lodge covers in the first instance a period terminating nearly a year previous to the Annual Communication. If all lodges had their books audited and closed as of December 31st, a much more accurate and up-to-date statement could be presented. I would therefore recommend that these financial statements be made as at December 31st in each year by all lodges, and that their books be audited accordingly.

I had the privilege and pleasure of attending the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba held in Winnipeg, in company with the Grand Master, where we were given a most cordial welcome. Their communication was also attended by Grand

Masters and Grand Officers from several other jurisdictions in the United States and Canada and the resulting interchange of views was both interesting and profitable, especially at such a time as this. An added pleasure was meeting M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M. of our Grand Lodge, whose interest in Alberta Masonry remains undiminished and for whose many kindnesses during our visit we are very grateful.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. S. Munro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending April 30th, 1940

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Monies received between March 1, 1939, to April 30th, 1940.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$267.20	41.	King Solomon	56.21
2.	Medicine Hat.....	282.95	42.	Bowden	67.50
3.	Alberta.....	118.95	43.	Tuscan	61.85
4.	North Star.....	214.50	44.	Buffalo Park.....	68.40
5.	Cascade.....	234.45	45.	Ionic	37.30
6.	Spitzie.....	137.05	46.	Palestine.....	80.80
7.	Edmonton.....	304.55	47.	Chinook	62.35
8.	Innisfail.....	99.60	48.	Crossfield.....	193.55
9.	Perfection.....	381.18	49.	Robert Burns.....	46.80
10.	Eureka.....	124.20	50.	Comet	46.45
11.	Acacia.....	287.56	51.	Unity	436.79
12.	Red Deer.....	139.30	53.	Strathmore.....	86.50
13.	Victoria.....	75.95	54.	Mount Lebanon.....	247.66
14.	Jasper.....	151.35	55.	Bassano.....	97.30
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	123.10	56.	Beaver.....	80.85
16.	Mountain View.....	119.53	57.	Grassy Lake.....	31.85
17.	Nanton.....	83.20	58.	Chief Mountain.....	62.60
18.	Britannia.....	116.25	59.	King George.....	365.80
19.	Cornerstone.....	210.30	60.	Acme.....	76.00
20.	Carstairs.....	38.75	61.	Provost.....	64.85
21.	King Hiram.....	106.50	62.	Coal.....	53.10
22.	Corinthian.....	211.75	63.	Empire.....	153.38
23.	Calgary.....	336.50	64.	Bow Island.....	66.20
24.	Vermilion.....	235.55	65.	Diamond City.....	37.95
25.	St. John's.....	146.25	66.	St. Andrew's.....	91.70
26.	Sentinel.....	89.20	67.	Charity.....	90.20
27.	Apollo.....	142.50	68.	Edson.....	260.60
28.	Ashlar.....	188.95	69.	Connaught.....	54.42
29.	Kenilworth.....	112.95	70.	Quarry.....	83.00
30.	Summit.....	94.10	71.	Tawatinaw.....	51.95
31.	Doric.....	68.35	72.	Coronation.....	82.08
32.	Cairo.....	89.25	73.	Brooks.....	146.50
33.	Stavely.....	67.05	74.	Vulcan.....	120.70
34.	Star of the West.....	93.25	75.	Harmony.....	42.81
35.	Mizpah.....	156.75	76.	Fidelity.....	127.60
36.	Gleichen.....	110.10	77.	Strathcona.....	235.00
37.	Camrose.....	111.50	78.	Hanna.....	105.50
38.	Hope.....	63.00	79.	Morning Star.....	62.80
39.	Lethbridge.....	208.25	80.	Excelsior.....	35.05
40.	Joppa.....	50.20	81.	Commercial.....	182.75

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
82.	Acadia.....	75.20	128.	Forestburg.....	54.89
83.	Zetland.....	318.45	129.	Meridian.....	56.46
84.	Champion.....	70.89	130.	Hussar.....	47.55
86.	Rocky Mountain....	72.85	131.	Kitscoty.....	46.30
87.	Crescent.....	240.90	132.	Craigmyle.....	54.45
88.	Wahpun.....	53.75	133.	Manyberries.....	70.43
89.	Peace River.....	99.20	134.	Renfrew.....	162.40
90.	Norwood.....	132.44	135.	Alliance.....	29.00
91.	Patricia.....	319.70	136.	Cresset.....	36.80
92.	Saskatchewan.....	162.55	137.	Irricana.....	87.45
93.	Symbol.....	219.54	138.	Onoway.....	29.00
94.	Lamont.....	69.55	139.	Melrose.....	33.90
95.	Kitchener.....	66.05	140.	Big Valley.....	78.65
96.	Dynamic.....	68.20	141.	Efficiency.....	69.92
97.	Albion.....	65.97	142.	Ivanhoe.....	228.10
98.	Hand Hill.....	58.85	143.	Jasper Park.....	126.40
100.	Verdigris.....	66.90	144.	Gratton.....	56.55
101.	West Edmonton....	166.85	145.	St. Alban's.....	78.05
102.	Edgerton.....	50.00	146.	Drumheller.....	91.45
103.	Foremost.....	74.40	147.	Northland.....	90.45
104.	Oyen.....	120.30	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	70.80
105.	Grande Prairie.....	115.00	149.	Rosebud.....	19.90
106.	Lake Saskatoon....	78.55	151.	Lochearn.....	103.45
107.	Carbon.....	75.00	152.	Standard.....	34.40
108.	Pyramid.....	33.15	153.	Whitcourt.....	65.00
109.	Ancient Landmark..	45.05	154.	Waskatenau.....	35.90
110.	Kilwinning.....	50.40	155.	Earl Haig.....	42.60
111.	Nobleford.....	59.70	156.	Hythe.....	44.00
112.	Victory.....	22.05	157.	Sharon.....	50.25
113.	Cyprus.....	63.45	158.	Berry Creek.....	69.55
114.	Westlock.....	78.70	159.	Lucerne.....	59.55
115.	Crocus.....	92.00	160.	Sexsmith.....	52.55
116.	Spirit River.....	75.70		Masonic District No. 6 ...	1.50
117.	Dominion.....	179.15		Masonic District No. 8 ...	85.00
118.	St. Mark's.....	156.20		Masonic District No. 9 ...	170.00
119.	York.....	119.50		Masonic District No. 10 ...	85.00
120.	Monitor.....	52.25		Masonic District No. 11 ...	58.00
122.	Rising Sun.....	80.20		Masonic District No. 13 ...	85.00
123.	Rockyford.....	29.00		Masonic District No. 14 ...	85.00
124.	Concord.....	271.85		Sundry Account.....	26.75
125.	Cavell.....	51.75			
126.	Pembina.....	44.95			
127.	Granite.....	94.60			
				Total.....	\$17,759.71

DEBIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	3.36	12.	Red Deer.....	13.00
3.	Alberta.....	1.38	14.	Jasper.....	.90
4.	North Star.....	5.55	15.	Wetaskiwin.....	5.55
5.	Cascade.....	1.37	17.	Nanton.....	6.00
6.	Spitzie.....	1.10	20.	Carstairs.....	2.44
7.	Edmonton.....	6.15	21.	King Hiram.....	2.00
8.	Innisfail.....	.15	23.	Calgary.....	7.00
9.	Perfection.....	11.95	24.	Vermilion.....	.56

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
26.	Sentinel.....	11.15	86.	Rocky Mountain....	2.00
27.	Apollo.....	6.95	87.	Crescent.....	1.50
28.	Ashlar.....	.16	90.	Norwood.....	.45
29.	Kenilworth.....	.15	93.	Symbol.....	8.21
34.	Star of the West....	.15	94.	Lamont.....	.15
37.	Camrose.....	1.59	95.	Kitchener.....	8.00
39.	Lethbridge.....	4.75	100.	Verdigris.....	1.15
41.	King Solomon.....	4.82	101.	West Edmonton....	1.60
44.	Buffalo Park.....	1.40	104.	Oyen.....	2.00
47.	Chinook.....	.05	108.	Pyramid.....	1.25
48.	Crossfield.....	93.59	111.	Nobleford.....	7.20
49.	Robert Burns.....	.15	113.	Cyprus.....	.65
50.	Comet.....	4.45	114.	Westlock.....	3.00
53.	Strathmore.....	.60	115.	Crocus.....	.30
55.	Bassano.....	1.75	118.	St. Mark's.....	.90
56.	Beaver.....	10.00	122.	Rising Sun.....	.05
57.	Grassy Lake.....	2.00	123.	Rockyford.....	31.30
58.	Chief Mountain....	2.30	124.	Concord.....	4.00
59.	King George.....	2.00	125.	Cavell.....	3.15
60.	Acme.....	.15	126.	Pembina.....	1.25
61.	Provost.....	2.25	127.	Granite.....	5.79
62.	Coal.....	2.00	130.	Hussar.....	.15
63.	Empire.....	2.40	131.	Kitscoty.....	.55
69.	Connaught.....	2.00	136.	Cresset.....	1.35
70.	Quarry.....	7.80	137.	Irricana.....	42.20
71.	Tawatinaw.....	5.70	139.	Melrose.....	2.55
72.	Coronation.....	.15	145.	St. Alban's.....	6.75
73.	Brooks.....	8.70	146.	Drumheller....	1.75
74.	Vulcan.....	9.50	149.	Rosebud.....	.65
75.	Harmony.....	10.50	154.	Waskatenau.....	.70
77.	Stratheona.....	11.15	157.	Sharon.....	2.10
78.	Hanna.....	1.15		Sundry Account	.70
80.	Excelsior.....	.15			
81.	Commercial.....	.15			
83.	Zetland.....	4.00			
				Total.....	\$427.57

CREDIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1940

2.	Medicine Hat.....	.75	117.	Dominion.....	.70
10.	Eureka.....	1.40	119.	York.....	2.05
13.	Victoria.....	5.95	120.	Monitor.....	.40
16.	Mountain View.....	2.94	132.	Craigmyle.....	2.15
19.	Cornerstone.....	.05	138.	Onoway.....	.70
30.	Summit.....	2.50	140.	Big Valley.....	1.45
32.	Cairo.....	.15	141.	Efficiency.....	.65
33.	Stavely.....	.15	142.	Ivanhoe.....	3.35
35.	Mizpah.....	2.00	147.	Northland.....	.90
40.	Joppa.....	.58	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	.30
42.	Bowden.....	.75	152.	Standard.....	1.00
46.	Palestine.....	.15	153.	Whitecourt.....	8.25
54.	Mount Lebanon....	.32	158.	Berry Creek.....	1.45
64.	Bow Island.....	2.70	160.	Sexsmith.....	.25
67.	Charity.....	.70		Masonic District No. 5	.60
84.	Champion.....	6.79		Masonic District No. 11	.10
88.	Wahpun.....	1.25		Masonic District No. 12	1.50
96.	Dynamic.....	.15		Masonic District No. 14	1.25
98.	Hand Hill.....	.70		Masonic District No. 15	3.00
105.	Grande Prairie.....	1.04			
112.	Victory.....	2.60			
116.	Spirit River.....	1.00			
				Total.....	\$ 64.67

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, Alberta, May 13th, 1940.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have made an examination of the books of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the Fourteen Months ended April 30, 1940, and submit herewith the following Statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at April 30, 1940.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the period.

Statement of CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent Fund Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the past 14 months.

SCHEDULE showing the Investments held in the Benevolent and Relief Funds, the Cost, Interest received thereon during the period, and the amount of Accrued Interest to April 30, 1940.

The Balances in the several Bank Accounts have been verified by me and certified to me by the Bank Manager.

In company with the Grand Secretary and members of the Finance Committee, I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds, and have found same to be in order.

The Grand Secretary is to be commended for the excellent showing in the Accounts due from the Lodges, which at this date amount to \$427.57 and is the lowest figure yet attained. There are only three lodges behind in their dues to Grand Lodge, the balance of the accounts representing supplies purchased.

The Revenue Account of the General Fund for the 14 months shows an Excess of Expenditure over Income of \$562.88, after taking all expenses into consideration and charging off \$255.83 for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures and Regalia. This is the first period in which your Finance Committee has endeavored to work to a budget and I have shown the amount allocated on the left side of the Statement so that comparison may be made with the actual Income and Expenditures. By making an allowance of \$1,000.00 from the Relief Fund, the Revenue Account shows a net income of \$437.12 which may be considered very gratifying in view of the conditions existing in the past few years.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at April 30, 1940, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at April 30th, 1940

ASSETS

General Fund:	
Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:	
Current Account	\$3,290.42
Drought Relief Fund	83.58
Balances due from Lodges	3,374.00
Books, Stationery and Supplies	427.57
Office Supplies on Hand	1,899.30
Furniture and Fixtures	171.52
Regalia	1,481.75
	820.95
	\$ 8,175.09
Benevolent Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 383.77
Investments in Bonds (cost)	189,128.27
(Par Value \$204,000.00)	
Accrued Interest	1,585.00
	191,097.04
Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 10,343.28
Investments in Bonds (Cost) (Par Value	
\$17,500.00)	17,931.25
Accrued Interest	393.75
	28,668.28
Trust Funds:	
Walton Trust Fund—	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	164.19
Strachey Trust Fund—	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	47.65
	211.84
	\$228,152.25

LIABILITIES

General Fund:	
Balances due to Lodges	\$ 64.67
Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships	404.79
Drought Relief Fund	83.58
Surplus Account—	
Balance March 1, 1939	\$7,184.93
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure	437.12
	7,622.05
	\$ 8,175.09
Benevolent Fund:	
Capital Account—	
As per Schedule attached	191,097.04
Relief Fund:	
Surplus Account—	
As per Schedule attached	28,668.28
Trust Funds:	
United Grand Lodge of England—	
Walton Trust Fund	\$ 164.19
Strachey Trust Fund	47.65
	211.84
	\$288,152.25

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at April 30, 1940

By Balance March 1, 1939.....	\$191,190.63	
Affiliation Fees.....	160.00	
Interest Earnings.....	2.48	
To Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	\$ 256.07	
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	191,097.04	
	<u>\$191,353.11</u>	<u>\$191,353.11</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

By Balance March 1, 1939.....	\$ 26,720.51	
Interest on Bonds.....	9,082.28	
Membership Fees.....	5,183.50	
Donations.....	300.00	
Interest on Savings.....	70.17	
Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	149.24	
To Payments to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 11,824.27	
Expenses of Board.....	13.15	
Allowance to General Fund.....	1,000.00	
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	28,668.28	
	<u>\$ 41,505.70</u>	<u>\$ 41,505.70</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 14 Months ended April 30, 1940

Budget		
\$ 8,640.00	By Membership Fees	\$ 8,293.90
400.00	Initiation Fees	682.00
600.00	Certificate Fees	804.00
125.00	Dispensations	150.00
	Life Membership Fees	183.46
	Supplies Sold	1,371.89
	Regalia Sales	752.50
125.00	Affiliation Fees	131.00
	Sundries	5.00
\$ 9,890.00		\$12,373.75
	To Cost of Supplies Sold:	
	Inventory Mar. 1, '39 . \$1,219.77	
	Purchases 1,867.04	
		\$3,086.81
	Less Inventory April 30, 1940 . . . 1,899.30	
		\$1,187.51
	To Cost of Regalia Sold	664.60
	To Office Expenses:	
\$ 5,800.00	Salaries	\$5,755.00
1,330.00	Rent and Light	1,330.00
150.00	Telephone and Telegrams	149.13
350.00	Postage and Express	397.44
175.00	Janitor Service	175.00
87.00	Office Supplies	143.08
55.00	Exchange	50.80
187.00	Miscellaneous Expense	141.30
		8,141.75
1,200.00	To Printing	\$1,227.57
62.50	Insurance	62.50
120.00	Grand Lodge "Bulletin"	76.49
		1,366.56
	To Travelling Expense:	
	Grand Master, 1938-39 \$ 85.85	
800.00	Grand Master, 1939-40	700.00
200.00	Grand Officers	164.70
		950.55
	To Grand Lodge Expense:	
300.00	Annual Communication \$ 181.68	
200.00	Presentation Regalia	188.15
		369.83
	To Depreciation:	
	Furniture and Fixtures \$ 164.63	
	Regalia	91.20
		255.83
\$11,016.50		12,936.63
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	\$ 562.88
	Less Allowance from Relief Fund	1,000.00
	NET REVENUE FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 437.12

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from March 1st, 1939, to April 30th, 1940

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank March 1, 1939:	
Current Account.....	\$ 3,293.52
Drought Relief Fund.....	83.58
To Receipts from Lodges.....	3,377.10
	17,759.71

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries.....	\$ 5,755.00
Printing.....	1,227.57
Rent.....	1,330.00
Postage and Express.....	397.44
Office Supplies.....	60.31
Janitor Service.....	175.00
Telephones and Telegrams.....	149.13
Insurance.....	62.50
Grand Lodge "Bulletin".....	76.49
Exchange.....	59.05
General Expense.....	141.30
	\$ 9,433.79
By Travelling Expenses:	
Grand Master—1938-39.....	85.85
1939-40.....	700.00
Grand Officers.....	164.70
	950.55
By Grand Lodge Expense:	
Annual Communication, Calgary.....	\$ 181.68
Presentation Regalia.....	188.15
	369.83
By Regalia for Resale.....	\$ 664.60
Books and Stationery for Resale.....	1,867.04
	2,531.64
By Transfers, Relief Fund.....	\$ 4,183.50
Transfers, Benevolent Fund.....	160.00
	4,343.50
By Regalia for Grand Lodge Officers.....	133.50
By Balances in Bank of Nova Scotia:	
Current Account.....	\$ 3,290.42
Drought Relief Fund.....	83.58
	3,374.00
	\$ 21,136.81

\$ 21,136.81

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

From March 1, 1939, to April 30, 1940

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank March 1, 1939.....	\$	221.29		
Affiliation Fees.....		160.00		
Interest on Savings.....		2.48		
By Balance in Bank April 30, 1940....			\$	383.77
	\$	383.77	\$	383.77

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank March 1, 1939.....	\$	8,544.75		
Interest on Bonds.....		9,082.28		
Interest on Bank Savings Account.....		70.17		
Receipts from Lodges on Account of Beneficiaries..		519.00		
Donations.....		300.00		
Membership Fees.....		5,183.50		
By Cheques issued to Beneficiaries.....			\$12,343.27	
Expenses of Board.....			13.15	
Allowance to General Fund.....			1,000.00	
Balance in Bank April 30, 1940.....			10,343.28	
	\$23,699.70		\$23,699.70	

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

April 30, 1940

<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Annual Interest</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
March 15, (Perpetual).....	3 %	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,096.25	\$ 570.00	\$ 71.84
March 15, (Perpetual).....	3 %	5,000.00	4,668.75	150.00	18.90
		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 90.74
Province of Alberta:					
January 1, 1948.....	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 82.19
October 15, 1954.....	4½ %	13,000.00	12,545.00	292.50	36.86
October 1, 1956.....	4½ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	112.50	18.80
October 1, 1958.....	4½ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	45.00	7.52
May 1, 1960.....	4½ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	112.50	56.25
June 1, 1967.....	4½ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	540.00	224.88
May 1, 1960.....	4½ %	500.00	480.00	11.25	5.62
September 1, 1955.....	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75	962.50	160.85
September 1, 1955.....	5 %	23,000.00	21,390.00	575.00	96.10
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05	\$2,901.25	\$ 689.07
City of Calgary:					
January 1, 1962.....	4½ %	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,342.22	\$1,800.00	\$ 596.71
City of Edmonton:					
February 1, 1967.....	4½ %	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 208.48
TOTAL.....		\$204,000.00	\$189,128.27	\$6,276.25	\$1,585.00

Relief Fund Investment Account

Dominion of Canada:					
November 1, 1956.....	4½ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.50
November 1, 1956.....	4½ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	56.25
November 1, 1956.....	4½ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	112.50
November 1, 1956.....	4½ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	112.50
		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,931.25	\$ 787.50	\$ 393.75

It was moved by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson said he would like the privilege of seconding this motion, as a member of this Grand Lodge. (Applause.) The motion was then put and carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Thursday, June 15, 1939, immediately after the close of Grand Lodge, a full quorum of the members being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. The officers and chairmen of the several committees were unanimously elected and the personnel of the committees left to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to name in accordance with the Constitution.

The Board then adjourned to meet in the City of Edmonton on Tuesday, June 11th, 1940, when all matters pertaining to the several committees were distributed and dealt with.

Several matters which will come before Grand Lodge were then discussed and it was agreed that the following recommendations be made to Grand Lodge:

1. That the Fifty Year Jewel be of bronze instead of silver, as adopted last year, for all lodges.

2. That the transfer of Chiet Mountain Lodge No. 58 from District No. 8 to District No. 7 be approved.

3. The action of the Grand Master in summarily suspending a brother from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry for writing in a contemptuous and insulting manner of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge and refusing to apologise for the same, was fully discussed and the correspondence in the matter examined. The Board referred this case to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals requesting them to report their findings with their recommendation. The committee duly reported, that having examined the whole file of correspondence are of the opinion that not only were Bro. . . 's remarks unjustified and uncalled for, but that they were extremely insulting and that if members of the Order are to be permitted to indulge in expressions of this kind, the result would be highly detrimental to the best interests of the Fraternity and therefore recommend, "That the Board of General Purposes fully approve of the action of the Grand Master in his summary suspension of Bro. . . and recommend to Grand Lodge that until Bro. . . tenders a full and complete apology to Grand Lodge and to M. W. Bro. George Moore, in form satisfactory to him, to the Board of General Purposes and to Grand Lodge, that his suspension for unmasonic conduct do stand," in which your Board fully concurs and so recommends to Grand Lodge.

The reports of the several sub-committees were presented to the Board and in due course will also be submitted to Grand Lodge for their consideration.

Faternally submitted,

SAM HARRIS,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Benevolence beg to present the twenty-first annual report on benevolence, since the consolidation of the several funds which now constitute the present Benevolent Fund of this Grand Lodge, and the organization of a system of relief to take care of the many demands upon our lodges by brethren or their dependents in distressed circumstances.

To the original committee we owe a debt of gratitude for drafting regulations for the administration of this fund, and while adjustments had to be made from time to time, the fundamental principles of Masonic charity have always governed the decisions of the Board. As a result the utmost harmony prevails between the lodges and Grand Lodge in the distribution of benevolence, and our unfortunate brethren and their dependents have been adequately taken care of. No deserving case has been refused assistance and all demands made upon the fund have been met with a minimum of expense.

Since the formation of Grand Lodge, the Benevolent Capital Account has been built up by donations from the brethren, a per capita tax and surplus funds transferred from the General Account, and now amounts to \$191,097.04. Over the years we have distributed in the way of grants the magnificent sum of \$204,384.91—an achievement of which this Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges may be justly proud.

*If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And counting find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went
Then you may count that day well spent.*

The dispensing of this fund affords opportunity for Masonic endeavor, not only to the members of the Board but to many of our brethren, to whom it has been found advantageous to entrust the distribution of our benevolence in particular cases. I would like to quote from a letter received recently from one of these who has taken an invalid brother under his care:

“On my bi-monthly visits (sometimes more often) I invariably find Bro. very cheerful and glad to see me, and he seems very grateful for what he calls my self-sacrifice, but which, I assure him is a real pleasure to me.

“I have arranged a book and magazine exchange between him and myself and thus we can read and debate on such subjects

as we read from different view points. He seems to enjoy this thoroughly and we both get pleasure and education at the same time.

"Personally I value his friendship very much and I feel grateful to the Board for permitting me to help him in this capacity. He trusts me absolutely and I have his complete confidence and so am able to take care of his affairs, which he, as a helpless cripple cannot do."

Surely, brethren, there is Masonry being practised in the Word and Spirit, for it not only enriches him but also the recipient. Our warmest thanks are due to those brethren who give of their time in this service.

In particular there is one member of our Board to whom we should not stint our thanks for his many services. No assignment is too small and the thoroughness and dispatch with which he completes each investigation allotted to him deserves not only the commendation of the Board but of this Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell is very active on several committees of this Grand Lodge; the same spirit permeates all his work for Masonry, and the Board of Benevolence finds in him a very valuable and efficient member.

Several members of the Board had the pleasure and privilege of meeting W. Bro. F. Butterfield, of Victoria, B.C., at a luncheon held in his honor in Calgary last summer when he was passing through the city on a holiday. Bro. Butterfield is Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Board of Relief of Victoria and in that capacity we have made heavy demands upon his time. His genius and infinite patience in handling the most obstinate cases of relief, his kindly and sympathetic treatment of all who come under his care have singled him out as a great Mason. He labors for the love of the cause and gives unsparingly of his time from his chosen profession. We of Alberta are deeply indebted to him and especially in one case of long standing in which time after time he has been called upon to meet situations fraught with difficulty. But with characteristic patience and endurance he has been able to surmount them and we can only say that we extend our heartfelt thanks to Bro. Butterfield for all that he has done for us in this case.

We must also again acknowledge the services rendered by R. W. Bro. J. W. Shuttlewood, who for many years has looked after our beneficiaries in the City of Vancouver. The reports and recommendations we receive from him are of great assistance in arriving at a proper understanding of the needs of these cases. Indeed, our indebtedness does not stop here, for we have many correspondents in other jurisdictions who willingly place themselves at our service, and as far as we are able, we of course reciprocate.

We would like to express our thanks to the lodges for their usual promptness in attending to cases requiring assistance that our Grand Secretary brings to their notice. Occasionally we find lodges derelict in their duty in this regard. In one case in particular a very complete report was submitted to the lodge regarding the condition of a widow and family, but the lodge for some reason refused to render assistance, leaving the Board of Benevolence to take care of it. It should be remembered that the assistance of Grand Lodge is only supplementary

to that of the lodge and if for any reason the lodge considers they should not contribute, they should make a full disclosure of the circumstances.

We would also like to request the lodges to be more specific in submitting the half-yearly reports on benevolence. If some brother or brethren was detailed to look after each case and report frequently to the lodge as to the circumstances of their beneficiaries, it would create greater interest among members of the lodge and our Board would get more complete reports. Will lodge Secretaries please note.

We would here express our appreciation for the honor conferred on our genial Grand Secretary by the Supreme Council of the Dominion of Canada in electing M. W. Bro. Kemmis an Honorary Inspector General 33° A. & A.S.R. We extend our congratulations and trust he may long enjoy this high honor.

Your Board would recommend to Grand Lodge the desirability of establishing a medal for meritorious service to the Craft. Many Grand Lodges have adopted this method of rewarding brethren for outstanding services and have found it very satisfactory. Grand Lodge possesses a die which could be used for the purpose of striking such a medal, with appropriate changes signifying its purport, the regulations governing the granting of such a medal to be determined by the Board.

For the fourteen months, ending April 30, 1940, the Board has made grants amounting to \$11,824.27. A friendly interest is taken in each case and these are reviewed at least once every year. When necessity requires additional assistance this is granted and likewise grants are discontinued when conditions warrant it.

The Board is appreciative of the opportunity of rendering service to Grand Lodge in this sphere of its labors.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

President.

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

March 1st, 1939, to April 30, 1940

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$140.00	Mrs. W. B. K.	65.00
Mrs. E. P. A.	350.00	Mrs. F. E. L.	105.00
Mrs. W. A. A.	210.00	Mrs. L. E. M.	140.00
Mrs. R. B.	40.00	Mrs. W. A. M.	175.00
Mrs. T. W. B.	20.00	Mrs. A. M.	210.00
Mrs. F. M. B.	20.00	Mrs. E. McC.	80.23
Mrs. D. D. B.	336.31	Mrs. E. McC.	175.00
Bro. T. B.	140.00	Mrs. D. McL.	40.00
Mrs. C. C. B.	75.00	Bro. C. S. N.	105.00
Mrs. S. E. B.	287.42	Mrs. H. G. N.	70.00
Mrs. C. B.	210.00	Mrs. G. N.	105.00
Mrs. G. B.	170.00	Bro. P. P.	45.26
Bro. G. J. B.	22.00	Mrs. A. P.	210.00
Bro. J. B.	112.50	Mrs. M. J. P.	145.00
Mrs. C. C.	115.00	Mrs. E. R.	145.00
Mrs. C. C.	180.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	507.86
C. Family.	100.00	Mrs. H. D. R.	140.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	120.37	Mrs. S. C. S.	210.00
Bro. J. D.	210.00	Mrs. C. S.	245.00
Mrs. E. C. D.	210.00	Bro. A. G. S.	210.00
Mrs. M. D.	140.00	Mrs. A. S.	5.00
Bro. F. H. D.	855.00	S. Family.	210.00
Mrs. W. D.	105.00	Mrs. T. S.	70.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	145.00	Bro. R. H. S.	170.00
Mrs. W. D.	70.00	Bro. C. O. S.	210.00
Mrs. E. D.	105.00	Mrs. W. J. T.	280.00
Mrs. E. D.	140.00	Mrs. M. W.	210.00
Mrs. J. D.	20.00	Mrs. E. W.	92.34
Mrs. W. E.	70.00	W. Family.	140.00
Mrs. A. F.	140.00	Bro. A. G. W.	30.00
Bro. P. F.	294.88	Bro. R. W.	103.60
Mrs. E. J. F.	70.00	Mrs. W. W.	105.00
Mrs. J. F.	55.00	Bro. A. A. W.	140.00
Mrs. L. M. F.	140.00	Sundry Grants.	320.00
Bro. E. Y. F.	120.00		
Mrs. T. W. F.	30.00		
Mrs. W. A. G.	135.00	Total Grants.	\$12,343.27
Bro. G. J. G.	22.50		
Mrs. G. E. G.	175.00	Less Contributions from	
Bro. A. G.	150.00	lodges for their bene-	
Bro. J. H. G.	210.00	ficiaries.	519.00
Mrs. R. G.	75.00		
Mrs. J. A. G.	15.00		
Mrs. M. M. H.	20.00		
Mrs. A. H.	180.00	Total Grants by	
Mrs. S. H.	145.00	Grand Lodge.	\$11,824.27
Bro. H. B. H.	135.00		
Bro. S. J. H.	173.00		
Bro. H. J.	50.00		
Bro. J. J.	75.00		

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

RECESS

The Grand Master declared a recess for fifteen minutes at 3:55 p.m.

On resuming labor, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86) expressed appreciation of the work of the Board of Benevolence. For many years they had assisted his lodge in maintaining several children, orphans of a member of the lodge. The case was now closed with the establishment of the youngest of the family, all of whom are now earning their own living.

R. W. Bro. Ireland, President of the Board, replied, stating his pleasure in hearing these words of appreciation and would also welcome constructive criticism at any time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry submits for your consideration the following report:

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s for the seventeen Masonic Districts and of the Secretaries of the lodges in the jurisdiction have been carefully reviewed. With the exception of a few instances, these reports are very complete. A small number of lodges failed to submit their financial reports and a few reports covering the visits of D.D.G.M.'s to the lodges have not been received. We would like to impress upon the Secretaries of the lodges and each D.D.G.M. that it is essential their reports be forwarded to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as required by the Constitution.

The statistical information of Grand Lodge is based on these reports and the fact of a few reports not being received prevents us from giving accurate and complete statistical returns.

We regret to learn that a few of the D.D.G.M.'s have labored under great difficulties this year owing to illness and other personal inconveniences, but they have labored diligently and well and have proven themselves as very capable and creditable representatives of the M. W. Grand Master in their respective districts. It is also gratifying to note the splendid support they have received from former D.D.G.M.'s and a great number of Past Masters. No less than 991 Past Masters attended the D.D.G.M.'s on their respective visits—

a very creditable showing. This is as it should be and greatly strengthens the bonds of our Fraternity and the creating of a friendly, brotherly spirit amongst our members.

Healthy progress is reported in all the seventeen districts, with the prospects more encouraging than for some years past. Only one lodge is reported as being dormant. One lodge, Ancient Landmark No. 109 at Mirror in the 15th Masonic District has found it necessary to request amalgamation with Ionic Lodge No. 45 at Alix in the 9th Masonic District, which was approved by the Grand Master. Whilst your committee regrets this was found necessary, it is of the opinion that amalgamation is beneficial both to the lodges concerned and to the whole Craft, where small and weak lodges find it difficult to carry on. It is better to have one strong link than two weak ones.

MEMBERSHIP

For the past several years this Grand Lodge in common with other Grand Lodges has shown a decrease in membership. This year, although we still show a decrease, we are glad to report that this decrease is much smaller, namely 82 as compared with 158 a year ago, which is the smallest loss shown for some years. All the lodges in some districts show an increase in membership, some both by initiation and affiliation, whilst others have had work for the first time in several years. This must be very encouraging to them and we are happy to report that there is an increase of 98 in the number of initiations this year—a sign of recovery. The Grand Secretary's figures as at December 31st, 1938, show a membership of 10,898, and at December 31st, 1939, as 10,816. (See report of Grand Secretary). The decrease this year is accounted for by the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues and the larger number of our brethren who have passed to "that bourne from whence no traveller returns". It may be expected that the coming year will again show an improvement over the past years. Reinstatement of members was greater this year than last. It is hoped that this will continue as we cannot afford to lose our former members and every effort should be made to encourage them to realign themselves with us. The great number of Suspensions N.P.D. is doubtless caused by the automatic procedure of suspension now in effect.

ATTENDANCE

It appears from the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s that the attendance has somewhat improved this year, for some of the D.D.G.M.'s give very encouraging reports on this. The weather apparently was responsible for a smaller attendance than usual at one or two District Meetings and a few of their official visits to lodges, but on the whole their reports show that interest is being revived. We find inter-visitation of lodges is becoming more frequent. This is a splendid thing and should be encouraged whenever possible. In this way brethren become better acquainted and a better spirit of harmony and understanding prevails. Special nights, visitations and above all promptness in opening lodge are especially recommended for creating a better attendance at our meetings.

WORK

The ritualistic work appears to be well maintained and particular attention is being paid to this part of our meetings. The number

of degrees conferred this year is greatly in excess of previous years. From the reports at hand we compiled the following list of degrees having been conferred by the various lodges on the occasion of the official visits of the D.D.G.M.'s:

- 83 Lodges did not confer any degree.
- 26 Lodges conferred the first degree.
- 23 Lodges conferred the second degree.
- 17 Lodges conferred the third degree.
- 6 Lodges no report.

The work in each instance was highly commended by the D.D.G.M.

We note the very favorable and encouraging mention of the greater use being made of our Grand Lodge Bulletin, edited by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell. It is obvious that the Bulletin is being more widely read, both in the lodges and by individual members. We would especially recommend that still more use be made of the Bulletin and of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

Particular mention might be made of the work of one lodge, Calgary No. 23, which held a most enthusiastic meeting the night following our last communication of Grand Lodge, when they received one of their members, M. W. Bro. George Moore, and presented him with an engraved gavel as a slight token of their appreciation of his election as Grand Master for the current year. M. W. Bro. Moore was accompanied by all of the principal officers of Grand Lodge, Calgary Lodge, on this occasion, conferred the third degree in full, on five candidates, in a manner that was very creditable to the lodge and its honored member, the M. W. Grand Master.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Whilst a few lodges are reported as not being represented at their District Meeting, it is obvious that these meetings are becoming of more value and importance, as well as being better attended. Splendid and instructive addresses were given by the M. W. the Grand Master, the D.D.G.M.'s, the Grand Secretary and others and we would especially urge that every lodge be represented at their District Meeting by all their officers and as many members as possible in the future. It might increase the attendance at these meetings were the D.D.G.M.'s to visit each lodge in their district previous to the District Meeting, thereby creating more interest and enthusiasm.

LODGE FINANCES

It would appear these are being well maintained and more lodges are making a budget of their expenses for the year. This is a very business-like thing to do. Other lodges appear to be depending less on the revenue received from initiation fees for the purpose of financing the lodge. The total assets over liabilities still continue to show a healthy condition, as indicated by the appended tabulation of figures. We regret that one lodge shows a debit balance of \$449.00 more than their assets. Too much attention cannot be given to the maintenance of a lodge's credit and finances.

The following statistics of assets and liabilities were very kindly compiled by M. W. Bro. A. West:

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in Bank	\$ 58,237.40
Dues outstanding	34,518.77

Bonds and Investments	198,099.22
Real Estate and Buildings.....	180,356.49
Furniture and Fixtures.....	70,730.41
Benevolent Fund.....	49,307.27
Sundry.....	8,831.04
	\$600,080.60

LIABILITIES

Dues in advance.....	\$ 3,483.16
Initiation Fees in advance.....	602.00
Notes payable.....	7,311.50
Accounts payable.....	13,286.28
Bonds and mortgage payable.....	43,644.00
Life Membership	1,266.00
Sundry.....	5,516.28
	\$ 75,069.22

Net Worth of lodges (approximately).....\$525,011.38

BENEVOLENCE

The records are not quite complete in this regard but the returns at hand show a decided increase in the amount disbursed in benevolence by lodges exclusive of the amount expended by Grand Lodge. The amount on record as being expended by the lodges is \$12,771.98, being \$1,824.01 more than the amount expended last year. It is safe to assume that the total amount shown does not include all, for some lodges prefer not to record their splendid assistance to Masonry and their fellow members. One lodge reports the expenditure of the large amount of \$1,867.27 and another reports \$637.44. These lodges are certainly to be congratulated on their efforts. It is evident that the truly Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are being worthily upheld and maintained, and the brethren throughout the whole Jurisdiction are to be complimented and congratulated on their generosity and sincere practical sympathy towards those members who are in the position that a little tangible assistance is of great importance and benefit to them. The lodges and brethren are also reminded that the Board of Benevolence of Grand Lodge is at all times ready and willing to consider and extend assistance in all needy cases referred to them.

SUSPENSIONS AND ARREARS OF DUES

The following statistics are of interest:

	1936	1937	1938	1939
Suspensions	645	325	232	259
Arrears of dues	\$32,494.00	\$30,759.00	\$32,539.00	\$29,737.53
Percentage of total membership in arrears.....	28%	27%	28%	24%
Per capita total membership.....	2.86	2.78	3.16	2.74
Average per member in arrears.....	\$10.84			

From the above it will be noted there is a reduction in both the total amount of arrears and the per capita average over the previous

three years. Some lodges are to be complimented on their attitude towards members in arrears, granting assistance where necessary and their honest efforts in endeavoring to collect arrears and have every member in good standing. One lodge, Sexsmith No. 160, again reports they have no arrears of dues.

GENERAL

With a few exceptions the Historical Registers are written up to date, some of them being really works of art. In the case of the few exceptions, the D.D.G.M.'s have been assured this duty will be attended to immediately. Two lodges report not having any Historical Registers. One lodge reports the unique fact that they have never had occasion to use their Black Book, although the lodge has been in existence for several years. Your committee wonders whether this lodge has received the required notices of rejections from the other lodges in the district.

Several lodges do not charge a sufficient affiliation fee to cover that paid by the lodge to Grand Lodge. In these cases the lodge apparently pays the fee to Grand Lodge from lodge funds, and it is recommended that the regulations contained in the Constitution regarding affiliation fees be adhered to. Three lodges are reported as not carrying any insurance, and your committee would stress the importance and advisability of every lodge in the jurisdiction being adequately protected.

The Master of Foremost Lodge No. 103 at Foremost is 78 years of age and drives from his home, a distance of 36 miles, to regularly attend his lodge. A truly remarkable and laudable effort, and this brother is to be congratulated on his active interest in Masonry and in his lodge in particular. We also note that one brother recently celebrated his 58th anniversary as a member of the Craft. We hope he will be spared to celebrate many more similar anniversaries.

This report would not be complete if it failed to express appreciation of the untiring efforts of the faithful and efficient Secretaries of the various lodges. We note there were only four absent throughout the whole jurisdiction on the occasion of the official visits of the D.D.G.M.'s. It has also been a great pleasure to note the high esteem in which our M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary are held and the many kindly references made to them by the D.D.G.M.'s and brethren in the north, east, south and west of the Province.

Your committee unanimously recommends that in consideration of their zealous and painstaking efforts in fulfilling the duties of office that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following brethren:

District No. 1	R. W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp (83)
District No. 2	R. W. Bro. Hugh J. Scott (37)
District No. 3	R. W. Bro. Lorne M. Muir (7)
District No. 4	R. W. Bro. Dr. Wm. A. Henry (10)
District No. 5	R. W. Bro. Oscar McCune (79)
District No. 6	R. W. Bro. Chas. F. Forckel (22)
District No. 7	R. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher (119)
District No. 8	R. W. Bro. J. O. C. McDonald (30)
District No. 9	R. W. Bro. David Drinnan (122)
District No. 10	R. W. Bro. F. J. Pyle (63)
District No. 11	R. W. Bro. R. J. Wilderman (127)
District No. 12	R. W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre (92)

District No. 13. R. W. Bro. R. E. Campbell (106)
 District No. 14. R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Dunlop (98)
 District No. 15. R. W. Bro. E. A. Roach (66)
 District No. 16. R. W. Bro. E. A. Wagler (152)
 District No. 17. R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Shieman (96)

The following are statistics compiled from the reports of the several D.D.G.M.'s:

Meetings Held for the D.D.G.M.'s

129 Regular Meetings
 22 Emergent Meetings
 4 Lodges, no report

2 Lodges are reported as not being visited by the D.D.G.M.,
 24 Lodges as having been visited twice and one lodge as having been visited 7 times by the D.D.G.M.

Principal Officers Absent at the Time of D.D.G.M.'s Visit

5 Lodges—Worshipful Master
 28 Lodges—Immediate Past Master
 17 Lodges—S.W.
 15 Lodges—J.W.
 4 Lodges—Secretary.

Lodges Bonding Treasurer and Secretary

139 Lodges report neither Treasurer or Secretary bonded
 2 Lodges report Treasurer not bonded.
 No Lodges report Secretary not bonded.
 9 Lodges report both Treasurer and Secretary bonded.
 2 Lodges report Secretary only bonded.
 3 Lodges do not report.

No Seal on Summons

8 Lodges are reported as having no seal on summons.

Annual Dues

<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>
4.	\$ 5.00	1.	\$ 9.50
12.	6.00	48.	10.00
13.	7.00	1.	11.00
5.	7.50	4.	12.00
40.	8.00	1.	12.50
1.	8.50	1.	13.50
8.	9.00	4.	15.00

12 Lodges do not report.

46 Lodges have two amounts, one for resident and one for non-resident members.

Initiation Fees

<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>
16.	\$25.00	55.	\$50.00
6.	30.00	7.	60.00
10.	35.00	4.	65.00
24.	40.00	13.	75.00
5.	45.00	4.	100.00

One lodge allows a reduction of \$10.00 to members' sons.

2 lodges charge a sliding scale of \$25.00 to \$50.00.

1 lodge charges a sliding scale of \$30.00 to \$50.00.

7 lodges do not report.

Affiliation Fees

<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Lodges</i>	<i>Amount</i>
43.....	Nil	2.....	\$ 7.50
11.....	\$ 1.00	10.....	8.00
5.....	2.00	1.....	9.00
1.....	2.50	19.....	10.00
1.....	3.00	1.....	13.50
1.....	3.50	1.....	15.00
20.....	5.00	1.....	20.00
7.....	6.00	1.....	25.00
1.....	7.00	1.....	50.00
9 Lodges charge \$5.00 for resident and \$1.00 for non-resident members.			
3 Lodges charge \$5.00 for resident and \$2.00 for non-resident.			
1 Lodge charges \$10.00 for resident and \$5.00 for non-resident.			
8 Lodges charge Grand Lodge dues only.			
6 Lodges do not report.			

Insurance

There is a total amount of Insurance of \$219,538.33 carried by the 152 lodges reporting. 3 Lodges are reported as not carrying insurance.

Owens Hall

22 Lodges are reported as owning their Hall.

<i>Dist. No.</i>	<i>Liquid Assets</i>	<i>Liabilities</i>	<i>Total Assets over Liabilities</i>	<i>No. in Arrears</i>	<i>Total Arrearages</i>	<i>Paid for Relief (Excl. of G.L.)</i>	<i>Insurance</i>
1.	\$ 26,242.55	\$28,745.69	\$152,355.86	514	\$ 5,537.44	\$ 4,579.46	\$ 49,775.00
2.	15,110.61	1,165.90	26,463.39	143	1,417.10	1,323.22	14,900.00
3.	29,307.57	10,260.20	79,770.30	230	1,846.90	1,621.01	17,600.00
4.	15,103.08	7,257.92	28,081.43	202	2,139.75	389.51	20,473.33
5.	2,378.44	1,588.89	8,752.31	169	1,601.00	280.00	7,060.00
6.	4,441.75	2,161.78	25,132.10	104	1,544.00	167.45	16,800.00
7.	11,412.83	347.59	20,053.57	179	1,672.00	538.29	4,700.00
8.	5,674.01	915.10	20,186.08	103	1,098.00	471.80	12,040.00
9.	4,047.33	6,788.75	12,384.00	90	864.50	152.80	13,400.00
10.	25,580.69	1,178.23	40,236.01	265	3,090.00	786.65	17,025.00
11.	2,909.45	1,259.75	7,304.97	82	1,374.00	368.05	2,750.00
12.	24,202.77	699.05	27,878.08	275	3,604.37	1,236.52	6,900.00
13.	1,762.87	625.06	15,140.11	120	1,131.75	208.55	8,695.00
14.	2,783.51	1,230.05	10,216.66	89	992.42	81.50	5,675.00
15.	2,822.94	3,173.10	11,626.92	100	1,001.50	200.20	8,275.00
16.	23,726.09	511.35	4,072.39	77	822.80	366.97	13,470.00
17.	4,183.63	159.29	4,024.34				
1939	\$201,690.12	\$68,067.27	\$493,678.52	2,742	\$29,737.53	\$12,771.98	\$219,538.33
1938		\$75,480.00	\$540,993.00		\$32,539.00	\$10,947.97	

Fraternally submitted,
SAM HARRIS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Two cases of improper circularisation of lodges in the Jurisdiction and disciplinary action thereon have been reviewed by your committee.

Your committee is of the opinion that both cases having been disposed of to the satisfaction of all concerned there seems no point in laboring the facts.

Insofar as this committee has jurisdiction, it approves the action of the Grand Master, but recommends consideration of the following amendment to the notice of motion to add a new clause No. 255 (a) to the Constitution, appearing on the order paper:

"No lodge or brother shall publish or circulate or cause to be published or circulated any written or printed book, pamphlet, document or letter purporting directly or indirectly to bear the sanction or approval of Grand Lodge unless such sanction or approval has in fact been regularly granted by the Grand Master in writing, duly attested by the Grand Secretary, nor shall any lodge or brother publish, circulate or cause to be published or circulated, any written or printed book, pamphlet, document or letter relating to any matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M."

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to report that no question was referred to it for decision other than the special case referred to it by the Board of General Purposes and which forms the subject of a special report to the Board.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Henry (10), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Report of the Grand Secretary have considered this report and in the first place compliment the Grand Secretary on his unremitting attention to the affairs of this Grand Lodge, his well considered suggestions, and his kindly advice to the Secretaries of constituent lodges.

To anyone acquainted with the volume of business and correspondence passing through the Grand Lodge offices, it is quite apparent that the demands on the time of the Grand Secretary are increasing almost daily and we trust that lodge secretaries will pay especial attention to the accuracy of all their returns. A strict compliance with our constitutional requirements would relieve the situation considerably and eliminate much unnecessary correspondence.

We agree with the remarks in connection with our Constitution and Ceremonials. All lodges should collect the old books of Constitution, as suggested, replacing them with copies of the latest issue. We also endorse the suggestion that copies of the Installation Ceremonials and others be kept in the possession of each lodge for loan and returned as occasion demands.

We commend to the attention of all lodges the suggestions in regard to the care and replacement of copies of the Work.

We are entirely in accord with the proposal to dispose of surplus copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings at a reduced rate.

The question of Life Membership being covered by the Constitution, we approve the Grand Secretary's action in insisting that these regulations be observed.

To obtain a true picture we consider that the financial year of all lodges should end simultaneously, and we therefore endorse the recommendation that financial statements should be made as at December 31st in each year, the books to be audited accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

F. V. TRUESDALE, Chairman.
W. H. CHAPPELL,
F. J. PYLE,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee can add nothing to the more complete general report on this subject made a year ago. Except for the instruction and comment contained in the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* there has been little or no demand for educational material of any kind. Your committee can only conclude that assistance of this kind is not desired.

THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

With the current issue, five years of continuous publication are complete. Comment received by the Grand Secretary and by the Editor indicates that the *Bulletin* continues to find favor. The following figures confirm this and indicate that publication is being carried on at minimum cost:

Circulation at June 1, 1939.....	1,800
Circulation at June 1, 1940.....	2,350
Increase	550
Total Cost, 10 issues, Sept. 1938 to June 1939.....	\$363.00
Total Cost, 10 issues, Sept. 1939 to June 1940.....	\$422.21
Total Revenue, Sept. 1938 to June 1939	\$193.94
Total Revenue, Sept. 1939 to June 1940.....	\$310.58
Net cost to Grand Lodge, 1938-1939	\$169.06
Net cost to Grand Lodge, 1939-1940.....	\$111.63
73 Lodges now subscribing for from one to 150 extra copies per issue.	

"Cost" in the foregoing figures includes only the expense of printing and mailing the *Bulletin*, no addition being made for Grand Lodge office or other services.

The Editor expresses his appreciation to all brethren who have offered contributions to the columns of the *Bulletin* or who have written regarding the *Bulletin* and kindred matters, and particularly extends his thanks to R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, P.G.R., whose historical sketches ran through the entire series of the latest volume.

In conjunction with the *Bulletin* the committee published in six parts a work entitled "The Original Plan of Freemasonry", by V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis, of Calgary, which was found too lengthy for inclusion in the limited space of the *Bulletin* proper. The article was well received by the brethren and our thanks are extended to V. W. Bro. Davis for his unselfish labors.

The committee lost one of its prominent members during the year when R. W. Bro. John Raper of Bashaw died on December 22nd, 1939. As a well known student of the Craft his contribution to the work of this committee is sadly missed.

The committee again recommends that serious consideration be given the future of Masonic Research and Education in this juris-

diction and that some specific instruction be given by the lodges should they deem this desirable.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

It was further resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Booth (51), "That a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for the excellent work which he has done as Editor of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* during the past year."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDITING AND PUBLISHING THE WORK

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It does not appear necessary to give a detailed report of the work of your Committee on Editing and Publishing the Work.

Unfortunately war and illness prevented the publication of the Work within the time specified, but Grand Lodge should feel gratified that in spite of the obstacles encountered the delay was not serious and copies were available the beginning of March.

515 copies were printed and all matters in connection therewith are under the control and in the custody of Grand Lodge. The fact that the size of the book has been reduced and the price cut in two ought to commend itself to Grand Lodge.

As Chairman of this committee I found it impossible to give close attention to the work and I wish to thank the other members of the committee, especially R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, who prepared the copy for the printers and whose services were invaluable.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON, Chairman
GEORGE MOORE,
A. M. MITCHELL,
J. A. LIVINGSTONE,
F. WHITFIELD,
A. J. DAVIS,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Special Committee on Editing and Publishing the Work be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND
CORRESPONDENCE**

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Were we to say bluntly that we had nothing to report we should state almost the entire fact. Little or no correspondence requiring the attention of this committee has reached us during the year and nothing which seems to require notice in a formal report.

Two purposes only make a report necessary: They are, first, to send a message of fraternal sympathy and hope to our brethren in Norway and Denmark and of encouragement to those in the Low Countries—"Dark lowers the tempest overhead", but the truth must prevail and keep us free men; and second, to recommend that the Annual Reviews of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, submitted with this report, be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:15 o'clock p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A Banquet was held in the evening in the Central Masonic Temple, attended by well over 400 brethren. The chairman was R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, J.G.W., and after the usual toasts were honored, M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, delivered an address which was much enjoyed. The address, in part, is printed herewith:

ADDRESS

"MASONRY AT A TIME OF CRISIS"

by

M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. W. ESTEY, P.G.M.,
Attorney General and Minister of Education in Saskatchewan

Given at the Banquet held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton,
Wednesday evening, the 12th of June, 1940, in connection
with the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge
of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

My first words of necessity must be very kind words to you all for the very warm and cordial reception which you so generously bestowed upon my friends from Manitoba and my good friend Robert Tate, the Grand Secretary from Saskatchewan. We have enjoyed this day immensely. First your resolution of loyalty to our King and country, followed by the generous donation of \$7,500.00 from your funds for patriotic purposes. Nothing could be finer on the part of Masons at this critical moment. Then the inspiring address by your Grand Master and the review of activities of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. It indicated to me that throughout the whole jurisdiction there is evidently a very genuine interest in Masonry. Where a man's interest is, there of necessity must be his thinking, and you have found many times that there is plenty in Masonry to think and reflect upon. So, I thank you, particularly on behalf of R. W. Bro. Tate and myself, for this splendid day which you have given to us.

Then we have had live addresses here this evening. Indeed, as one address followed another, I could not help but feel that when it came to my turn I might be in the position of the Scotchman—and I take it there are some here—who in his characteristic Scotch modesty had difficulty in proposing to his young lady; eventually overcame his modesty and proposed, and she accepted. Then there was dead silence, and she said, "Jock, is there nothing more to say?" and he said, "Hasn't there been too much said already?" So we might well conclude our evening here with the inspiring remarks which have been made, and yet with your permission I would like to add one or two just to supplement the very appropriate statements already made.

Your Chairman has already reminded you that I am going to be short and I hope I will be. I will not follow the example of that illustrious speaker who chose as his subject "The milk of human kindness", and after repeating the theme of his text a number of times, was surprised when some fellow down at the back said in a loud voice, "For heaven's sake condense that milk". I will condense a little tonight.

Running in my mind throughout the day have been two thoughts: First, the dignity and high purpose of Freemasonry, and secondly, the struggle in which we are involved for the maintenance of civilization. As I think upon this great Order of ours, as I reflect upon

its ritual, as I review its traditions, as I study its history, I cannot help but feel how much there is really worth while in Masonry. When I think of the condition of the world today and the way in which men are fighting each other, when I realize how little the enemy value human life, the first thought that comes to my mind, and I am sure to yours, is how much there is for Masonry to do in the world. I am a great admirer of the Masonic Order. You know and I know that the principles for which we stand are not common to Freemasonry only. The essential principles of our Order are recognized by other worth while institutions and propagated by our churches. In spite of all that has been done in other years to carry the message of Christianity, of human happiness, you realize what is taking place today. No person can help but reflect on that. Have we failed or must we carry on until we win? I am not one of those who believe we have failed, but I am one who believes tonight that the issue in this great war is whether we are to have a democracy which values the human being and bestows upon him that liberty and freedom which will enable him to realize his best; or have we to submit to a dictator, who imposes his will on our daily life, regiments our life, whether it be in the hour of leisure or in the hour of work. That is the picture which is before us today.

When you read about the brutality of Nazism, and it is terrible, it is inhuman, causing everyone to pause and think, remember, brethren, that the brutality of this dictator did not begin with this war. He exercised brutality from the time he began to obtain power, through propaganda, through the fear he imposed upon his people, for in the home father dared not talk to his son nor the son to his father, lest that word be carried to the secret police and some person taken, where only those in supreme command knew, never to return to his friends. The Press was censored, the police were secret, the church was regimented. Freedom to worship, a free press, freedom of association and a uniformed police force, which you and I in this country properly take for granted, but which we ought to realize is at stake today, is in peril. Indeed, all these things are in jeopardy today and that is what we should be thinking about. Remember, that the things which in our thinking are indispensable, were impossible to the citizens of the enemy countries many days before they became enemies of ours.

So much remains to be done to carry the message of Masonry to the world if civilization as we prize it and as we understand it, is to remain. Brethren, is it no wonder then, that this Order is not allowed to exist and has not been allowed to exist in these three countries referred to tonight as ruled over by the three ruffians. Not because it is a secret organization only, but because of its name, because of the principles for which we as Masons stand, Masonry has been abolished in those three countries and Masons cannot fraternize as you and I can. Those great principles which have been laid down by the Great Architect of the Universe for our instruction in the Volume of the Sacred Law are denied to millions of people in this world, and instead of the will of God being taught to them, they have imposed upon them the will of a Hitler, the will of a Mussolini, the will of a Stalin. The Church is abolished in Russia. There is a very interesting little book called "Kaput", and the word translated into English means "out of order". If you have an opportunity, read that book. It is written by an American who toured Russia some years ago. It describes a young lady who told the writer in all seriousness that she thought that all the misery and distress, and she thought there was

a great deal of it in Canada, England and other countries, was because of what you and I know as the Christian Religion. That is what she was taught in the old country. And that same writer found a statue of Jesus Christ in Russia, adorned in a top hat with the Union Jack in one hand and the Stars and Stripes in the other. That is the kind of propaganda which is being imposed on their people.

In Germany the Church has not been abolished, but worse than that the Church has been regimented and been made subservient to the political doctrines of that country. In other words, instead of the Church there propagating the truth as made known to us in the Volume of the Sacred Law, that Church becomes merely another instrument, another vehicle of propaganda, in the hands of a dictator. The Church no longer speaks first in the terms of the spiritual welfare of the individual, but the first concern is the promotion of the necessity of the State. No longer is the Divine Will supreme, but it is the will of Hitler, the law of the Dictator. It is his Agent—that is the position of the Church today. I ask you to reflect upon this and what constitutes the conscience of Germany today. What constitutes the conscience of the British Empire today? Is it not their interpretation of the Divine Law as they understand it, whereas in that other country the conscience is the will of whoever may be for the time being dictator? That is the position. While someone said a while ago in referring to the German conditions from day to day that they are transitory in character, I believe they are transitory because of the English and French people and their Allies.

Tonight, I think I would like to take a few moments, if I may, to summarize in my humble way what Masonry means to you and I in the country in which we live. A scholar said to a professor one day, "What in your opinion is the greatest word in the English language?" I suppose if I were to ask a Mason that, he would say, Faith, or Brotherhood, or goodwill or fraternity or some anomalous word. The professor said the greatest word in the English language is "yesterday". He had in mind this, that yesterday embodies all that men have discovered down through the ages, whether it be in research or discovery, and is preserved in history. Emerson gives a very proper definition of history when he says that the use of history is to give value to the present hour and its duty. The value of the present hour and the duty of that hour can only be adequately appraised if you and I understand the yesterday out of which today has been produced. In other words, it seems to me that we must go to that great reservoir of experience, that great reservoir of research, if we are to come to a sound conclusion and a correct judgment of what is taking place today.

Let us realize that Great Britain, the English people, have a remarkable history. It seems to me we all too often forget the history of our own people and the history of our own time. A scholar of Harvard University some time ago was addressing the graduating class, and looking the young people straight in the eyes, said to them these words which I think every person should reflect upon, "Let not the dust of the world obscure your vision." That is not the dust that blows around the prairie all too frequently in June. What he meant was this. The dust of the world are those ideas that are put upon people without proper thought, without properly weighing all that is involved, which are not sound in principle and which are entirely impractical. So, remember what Emerson said, go back to your history and proceed down through the ages, and you will find what today really means.

Tonight, my brethren, I appreciate the fact that several of you in this room have a more or less adequate interpretation in your minds of what Masonry really means. You have seen the ritual, you have listened to it and seen it portrayed. You have read something of the history of Masonry and something of its great traditions—a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. That has been the ideal of Masonry from the beginning, and tonight if we had the time no story would be more interesting. Nothing would be more delightful than to stand here and portray for ourselves and refresh our minds upon how the British people have gone forward step by step. Go back only to 1215 when the Magna Charta was signed by King John, and then right down to the present day, and I ask you this simple question: Is it not a gradual progress towards Emancipation from social, economic, and political bondage, until today we, with the people in the Republic to the south of us, enjoy more of liberty and more of freedom than any other people in the world? In other words, we have gone further to realise the ideal of Masonry than any other people in the world. That is where we stand today. Some Masons say to me there is a great deal to be done, and I say yes, but we have gone further than any other country in the world. I know we are not perfect. We are a long way from perfect, but we have gone a long way towards that ideal, and one of the things we intend to do is to go forward to perfect the idealism we have already attained. That is what we are fighting for.

Now let me bring the next thought. This is not the first time that civilization has been attacked as it is now. It has been attacked on many occasions, and I suppose relatively the attack has been as severe. Let me go back only until the days of Napoleon. Napoleon had captured nearly the whole world which was worth anything until he came to Waterloo, and I am just as satisfied as you are that the day will come when Hitler will meet his Waterloo also. In the last great war during the four years there was a good deal of success against the British and French and their Allies, but in the end the right succeeded, and it will do so again. That is your belief and that is mine. But this war is a peculiar war. Those in other years were fought upon the battlefield only, but this war is being fought upon the battlefield and through the medium of propaganda the world over, and so we have an enemy wherever it seems to me the enemy is not active, and that is a form of subversive activity throughout the entire world. Speaking to a gentleman a few days ago, we were discussing the possibility of this in Canada, and he said if Canadians do not think it is here they are just saying to themselves that Canada is the only country in the world where it does not exist. Of course there is some existing here. Is it to promote the rights and responsibilities of democracy, or to defeat and tear down democracy? To merely ask the question is to find the answer. That can be taken care of so far as Canada is concerned. You and I—everyone of us who enjoy the privileges of democracy—must recognize that every privilege carries with it a correlative duty, and every right carries with it a correlative responsibility. This is the Masonic point of view. This is the true point of view. The point of view which you and I hold is that we want these rights and we are willing to assume our responsibilities in order that democracy may be maintained.

What is the system of Masonry? I am one who as I said at the beginning believes in the soundness of the principles of Freemasonry as they pertain to human happiness. There is not a man in this room

who has thought for an hour on Masonry but has realized that it has more in it for him at the end of that hour than at the beginning. If you have not tried it, do so, and you will find it particularly helpful. If Masonry has a message for you and I in times of peace, how much greater is the force of that message in times of crisis and in times of peril. If we require Masonic principles to bring to us inspiration, instruction, and direction in times of peace, how much more have we need of that inspiration, that instruction and that direction in the critical times which lie around us tonight. We need something to bring us that mental nourishment that is going to maintain us in the difficult times, to realize for us the high purpose of life as given to the individual, to recognise the high purpose and dignity in the end of man. I like that song very much that "We will be there at the end of the road". I think that that song was particularly appropriate tonight. Masons who are standing for their principles, carrying a message of Masonry to their fellow men—the message of the Great Architect of the Universe—are doing a great deal for themselves and for their country at the present time. We require strong morals at the present time, for in every time of strife there is sacrifice and distress, and there is a great deal of it at the present time. Let us keep in our minds the achievements of the British people, the possibilities of the British people, and then also keep in mind the limitations imposed and the dangerous situation consequent thereupon to the people who live under a dictatorship. Does it not impress you in these days that perhaps people are missing, however determined or courageous they may be, the opportunity that we have of weighing the consequences in terms of principles, and putting our shoulder to the wheel, and in whatever walk of life we may be to give our money, time and energy so that this war may be brought to as speedy an end as possible. I am not worrying about post-war problems. I am not so worried as I am satisfied of this, that in peacetime democracy can look after itself.

The great cornerstone of Masonry is Brotherhood. We have gathered here from all parts of Alberta in Grand Lodge Communication, to cement that brotherhood, and we want that friendship to be perpetual and great. I wonder if you were ever in a city all alone, walking, say, in the evening and everybody else talking and laughing, and you with no one to talk to. You could not be so lonesome out on a farm. It takes two to be friends, and in time of peace and time of stress, let us remember that we are all friends together, standing shoulder to shoulder, enjoying our privileges and rights, but in standing up for our own principles we must not neglect our friendships, which is promoting one of the high purposes of Freemasonry. This was brought to my attention very forcibly when I read the following little poem:

*Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by and years roll on,
And before I know it a year has gone,
And I never see my old friend's face,
For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger then;*

*And now we are busy, tired men—
Tired with trying to make a name.*

*"Tomorrow", I say, "I will call on Jim,
Just to show that I am thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes—
And the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner—yet miles apart—
"Here's a telegram, sir—Jim died today."
And that's what we get
And deserve in the end—
Around the corner—a vanished friend.*

Masonry cannot afford to neglect its principles. Masonry cannot put them on the shelf. It must bring them down into our conduct day by day. We cannot forget our obligations, our obligations as friends, our obligations as citizens, and the high purpose and dignity of Masons. It seems to me, my brethren, that as citizens we will make our greatest contribution to the end that democracy will not only be maintained, but that it will move upward and onward, as has been happening with the British people for hundreds of years.

Most Worshipful Sir, I congratulate you upon the year you have had, and thank you one and all for your courtesy and kindness in listening to my remarks, and from the bottom of my heart thank you again for this wonderful day and for the cordial reception you have accorded to R. W. Bro. Tate and myself.

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:20 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE ELECTIONS

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Referring to the report of the Board of General Purposes for the year 1939 (page 97 of the Proceedings), and the Grand Secretary's letter of November 16, 1939, confirming the appointment of the committee, we beg to report as follows:

The present method of election of officers has the following drawbacks:

- (a) After being in effect for several years the whole question of proxies is not understood and therefore in the interest of simplicity should be done away with.
- (b) The time necessary to vote and decide who has been elected to the various offices takes too much of the time of Grand Lodge.
- (c) There has always been a certain amount of confusion when voting time comes over lost ballots, proxies, etc.

Your Committee therefore reviewed the methods used by several other jurisdictions and some other organizations, and recommend the one proposed of which notice of motion has been given, and for the following reasons:

- (a) Proxies are eliminated. A lodge which cannot get one of its officers to attend Grand Lodge should not have a vote.
- (b) Nominations are completed before Grand Lodge meets and when the ballot is handed out it contains all the nominations.
- (c) All the voting is done at one time and at the leisure of the member and not by several interruptions to Grand Lodge.
- (d) The method of counting is simple and varied to insure simplicity.
- (e) A large saving of time to Grand Lodge will result as all the

voting is done at one time, and all the counting is done at one time, instead as at present when voting and counting are done alternatively.

- (f) The new paragraphs are complete within themselves except in the case of an addition to paragraph 20 for an obvious reason.

Fraternally yours,

F. BARNHOUSE,
Chairman.

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7) then moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), the following, of which notice had been given on the summons for the Annual Communication:

"That Sections 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, of the Constitution be struck out and new Sections be added as follows:

16.—"Nominations for any elective office other than that of Grand Master, shall be made in the form following and be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than 6 o'clock p.m. May 31st:

I nominate.....of.....Lodge No.....
of.....for the office of.....

Signed:.....Rank.....Lodge No.

Acceptance:

I hereby accept nomination for the office of

Signed.....Rank.....

17.—"For the offices where more than one have accepted nominations, the Grand Secretary shall have the necessary number of ballots prepared with names in alphabetical order in the following form:

Ballot for Junior Grand Warden, etc.

(Mark 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Alexander, James A.....
Benson, William
Carlile, James..... etc.

For the Board of General Purposes, the ballot shall be as follows:

Board of General Purposes

(Mark X for eight names)

Amos, James.....
Butler, Alexander
Cameron, Albert..... etc.

18.—"Ballots will be handed to delegates on registering their attendance. At the time of registration and adjacent thereto, there shall be opened a poll to receive the votes. At 4 o'clock p.m. on the first day of the Grand Lodge meeting the poll shall close.

19.—"The Grand Master or presiding officer, at the annual communication shall appoint a Chairman and such number of scrutineers

as he may deem necessary, who shall receive the ballot box at the close of the voting and proceed to decide those elected in the following manner. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for the election of a Grand Lodge Officer. In the event of there being more than two candidates for any office and in case no candidate has a majority of all the No. 1 votes cast, the candidate with the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated and his votes distributed in accordance with the next choices thereon, and so on until one candidate has a clear majority of all the votes cast. The Board of Scrutineers shall then report their findings to Grand Lodge."

"That **Section 20** of the Constitution be amended by adding the following:

"If for any reason it is necessary to elect more than eight members to the Board, then those elected under this provision shall be the ones next highest in order after the eight have been chosen for two years and only for the necessary unexpired term of their predecessor."

Objections being raised as to the elimination of Proxies it was suggested by R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), that the motion be dealt with in two parts, that relating to voting and that part relating to proxies, and it was so ordered by the Grand Master. R. W. Bro. Barnhouse fully explained the method of voting according to the report.

The motion relating to voting was then put and declared "Carried", Sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the Constitution to be amended as per notice of motion.

The question of Proxies was then discussed, several speaking for and against, and on a vote being taken, it was resolved that proxies be retained and Section 9 of the Constitution therefore stands.

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Special Committee on Grand Lodge Elections as amended be received and adopted."

ADDRESS GRAND SECRETARY SASKATCHEWAN

The M. W. the Grand Master then called on R. W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, who addressed Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Tate stated that as "proxy" for the M. W. the Grand Master of Saskatchewan, he brought kindly and fraternal greetings. He said he had enjoyed immensely observing the conduct of business and appreciated being a visitor with us. He had no intention of delivering an address, however, as Saskatchewan had made its distinctive contribution at the banquet the previous night.

He was particularly interested in the tangible gesture this Grand Lodge had made towards the war effort. A returned man himself he had an especial interest in any Masonic activity in that direction and while he would not suggest that the same action would be taken in Saskatchewan, as their Grand Lodge had not yet met, he did feel that his Grand Lodge would be well advised to make their contribution

where it is known it will do the greatest good towards the war effort. They had been wondering where they could be of service and he had written to the Grand Lodge of England just prior to leaving Regina, suggesting that if any of their brethren were coming to Saskatchewan on the Air Training scheme they would be pleased to render them any service possible, and he had also written to the other Grand Lodges in the British Commonwealth along the same lines.

He suggested that it would be well if we looked back and reviewed our activities since the last war to see how much we have progressed. During the war years and as a post-war objective the foundations of their benevolent fund were laid and they had directed their energies towards its successful administration. He thought that we should look to post-war activities now so that we may be able to avoid mistakes that may have been made in the past. At the conclusion of the last war the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan had the sum of \$80,000.00 and the first claims made on this fund were in the year 1919. The wisdom of Grand Lodge was shown in building their fund up to \$325,000.00 and it has disbursed to its beneficiaries over \$220,000.00.

During the past two years, R. W. Bro. Tate said he had personally visited some eighty lodges in his jurisdiction, discussing in a very informal manner the problems with which they were confronted. As a result of these visits he concluded that each and every member of the Craft had a right to a more intimate knowledge with respect to the foundations of the Masonic Institution. He felt that the membership throughout should have a more practical and definite conception of our great benevolent work and he had therefore recommended to their Board of Trustees the desirability of disseminating that information in the jurisdiction. Their lodges are encouraged to set aside one meeting each year for informal discussion on Masonic activities, when members are given every opportunity to ask questions on all phases of such activities. These meetings have proved most beneficial.

R. W. Bro. Tate concluded by congratulating Grand Lodge on their choice of Grand Master, saying that R. W. Bro. Sam Harris first saw the light of Masonry in their Wascana Lodge, Regina. He knew that Wascana Lodge No. 2 would be glad of the opportunity of meeting him again and renewing old friendships. On their behalf, as well as his own, he extended best wishes to Bro. Harris for the ensuing year, and had much pleasure in presenting him with a scroll from his Mother Lodge, signed by the present Master and Secretary and also by the Master and Secretary of thirty-four years ago, when Bro. Harris was initiated. (Applause.)

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. G. E. Cottle (77), seconded by W. Bro. W. H. Harper (134), "That the Grand Master forward to the Administrator of Canada the felicitations of this Grand Body to Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty King George VI upon the occasion of the official recognition of his birthday."

ADDRESS GRAND SECRETARY MANITOBA

R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge

of Manitoba, being called upon by the Grand Master, briefly addressed Grand Lodge. He expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the Grand Lodge of Alberta at their Annual Communication for the first time, and congratulated the Grand Master on what appeared to him to be a most successful meeting.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

Edmonton, June 12, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

It will be remembered that at the last Annual Communication, as Custodian of the Canadian Rite Work I recommended in a special report the appointment of a committee to take the place and assume the duties of the Custodians of the Work. This recommendation will be found on pages 144, 145, of the 1939 Proceedings, of which Grand Lodge approved.

The Grand Master accordingly appointed a committee of four members, consisting of M. W. Bros. G. E. Cruickshank, A. M. Mitchell, J. Martland and myself as Chairman, instructing us to prepare regulations for such a committee and give the necessary notices of motion to amend the Constitution in Sections 119, 120 and 121.

The committee after much consultation recommend that the Constitution be amended in accordance with the motions which have been distributed to all members at this Grand Lodge and of which due notice has been given to all lodges.

The committee has given careful consideration to everything involved in the control of our Work and the various Masonic Ceremonials authorized by Grand Lodge. In the past it has been the custom to refer many matters to the Custodians of the Work which were not included as within their authority by the Constitution. All such matters will now come under the control of the proposed Committee on Work and all questions will be referred to the committee through the Grand Lodge office, which will result in a considered decision being arrived at. Furthermore, a record will be kept of all such decisions and a report made to Grand Lodge annually. It is felt that such a committee of reference will be of far more value than the system of Custodians, whereby one individual member had more or less complete control of the Rite under his jurisdiction.

Following this report I beg to present the resolutions, of which notice has been given, to implement the work of this committee. Referring to the proposed amendment to Section 119 of the Constitution, it should be remembered that the Grand Master being ex-officio a member of all Grand Lodge committees, would act as a fifth member.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Chairman

It was then moved by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the Constitution be amended in accordance with the notice given, as follows:

"That Sections 119 to 122 inclusive, with the heading 'Custodians of the Work' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Permanent Committee on the Work

119.—"There shall be a permanent Committee on the Work, consisting of four members appointed by the Grand Master. Vacancies for any reason shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master.

120.—"The Committee shall be known as 'The Committee on the Work' and shall control and supervise all ritual and ceremonial practices duly authorized by Grand Lodge. It shall, however, make no change in any authorized Work or practice without the sanction of Grand Lodge.

121.—"The Committee shall have power to interpret and rule upon the Work authorized by Grand Lodge, on the means, appliances, technicalities and observances necessary and incident to the exemplification of any Rite or Ceremony sanctioned by Grand Lodge and in general upon all matters on the etiquette or Masonic ceremonial in this jurisdiction.

122.—"The Committee or any member thereof may attend a District Meeting in its or his official capacity, but shall not be obliged to do so. Any request for ruling or for answer to inquiry shall be made in writing under the seal of a lodge and the official reply thereto shall emanate from the office of the Grand Secretary.

122(a).—"The Grand Secretary shall maintain a file of all rulings and decisions of the Committee and the Chairman of the Committee shall, through the Board of General Purposes, report to Grand Lodge annually, listing rulings and making such recommendations as the Committee may deem necessary."

It was further resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), "That the report of the Special Committee on The Work be received and adopted."

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Grand Lodge being informed that R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby (11), Past Grand Chaplain, a charter and life member of Fidelity Lodge No. 76, who was present, was celebrating his seventy-second birthday that day, the Grand Master extended to him the congratulations of Grand Lodge, wishing him continued health and expressed the hope that he would attend many more annual communications of Grand Lodge on his birthday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, June 13, 1940.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We wish to congratulate the Grand Master and approve the sentiments expressed by him to the brethren, also to add our appreciation to the fact that we are still able to enjoy the privileges of meeting together, with freedom to express ourselves untrammelled by any restraint from without or within.

We join with the Grand Master in his expressions of regret that this country, along with the rest of the British Commonwealth of Nations, is again plunged into the throes of war in an endeavor to wrest the world from oppression, cruelty and hate. We express the hope that in the sacred cause of our Allies justice shall prevail and that in a new world in all its strength and might the G.A.O.T.U. will again restore peace and goodwill to men.

We approve the action taken by the Grand Master at the passing of His Excellency Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, our Governor General.

We note, with pleasure, that this Grand Lodge was represented by M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, at the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. We commend the efforts of the Grand Master in this regard.

It is a matter of pleasure to know that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attended the Annual Communication of our mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and we join with our Grand Master in welcoming the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson and R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, also M. W. Bro. The Hon. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary, both of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

We would urge that all members, and in particular the officers of all constituent lodges be made acquainted with the remarks of the Grand Master on the Condition of Masonry. Under this heading we entirely agree with the remarks of the Grand Master relative to lodge by-laws, that the present by-laws contain too many repetitions of the Constitution. We have before us a copy of lodge by-laws containing twenty-one sections compared with some eighty sections in the Standard Code.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, was able to attend all the District Meetings. His remarks regarding these meetings are worthy of note.

We commend the suggestions made by the Grand Master relative to Masonic war effort.

The Grand Master is to be complimented for the manner in which he dealt with the use of unauthorized circulars.

We agree with the Grand Master in his rulings and decisions.

It is still evident, however, that there is a woeful lack of knowledge of the Constitution.

We congratulate the Grand Master on the number of visits paid to constituent lodges and we agree with him that these visits are of immense value to the Craft.

We regret that there should have been requests to use different metals for the Fifty-year jewel. It was hoped that these would be standardized both as to design and the metal used in the jewel.

We are heartily in accord with the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master in his concluding remarks.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND, Chairman.

W. J. BOTTERILL,

G. E. CRUICKSHANK,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

UNAUTHORIZED CIRCULARS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16).

"That the Constitution be amended by the addition of a new section, No. 255(a), to read as follows:

"No lodge or brother shall publish or cause to be published anything which according to the established principles of Masonry ought not be published; and no lodge or brother, without the consent of the Grand Master, shall publish or circulate or cause to be published or circulated any document relating to the Work in this jurisdiction or to any other matter which should properly be dealt with by Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence having made a recommendation in regard to the matter covered by the motion, it was moved in amendment by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), that the proposed new section No. 255(a) by M. W. Bro. Macaulay, be amended by substituting therefor the new section recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence as follows:

"No lodge or brother shall publish or circulate or cause to be published or circulated any written or printed book, pamphlet, document or letter purporting directly or indirectly to bear the sanction or approval of Grand Lodge unless such sanction or approval has in fact been regularly granted by the Grand Master in writing, duly attested by the Grand Secretary, nor shall any lodge or brother publish,

circulate or cause to be published or circulated, any written or printed book, pamphlet, document or letter relating to any matter within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M."

The amendment on being put was declared "Carried".

At this time the thanks of Grand Lodge was extended to M. W. Bro. John Martland by the Grand Master, for his effective contribution to the dignity of the opening ceremonies, in arranging for standard bearers and flags.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED

It was unanimously resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), "That the Honorary Rank of Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge be conferred upon His Honor The Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen."

MOTIONS

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge be extended to the management of the Central Masonic Temple for the arrangements made and attentive courtesy shown to Grand Lodge and its members at this communication."

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by W. Bro. E. V. Bergin (160), "That the gratification of Grand Lodge at the success of the Banquet last evening be expressed by a vote of thanks to the Edmonton brethren and artists who contributed so much to the pleasure of the occasion."

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. Betts (58), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1), "That this Grand Lodge make an appeal for voluntary contributions from members and lodges for funds to be expended in the name of the Masons of Alberta for the speedy prosecution of the war as necessities arise."

The motion on being put was declared "Rejected".

It was resolved, on motion of W. Bro. D. Macadam (73), seconded by V. W. Bro. H. H. Beeber (55), "That where a subordinate lodge remits the dues of members on active service, that Grand Lodge remit the per capita tax to the subordinate lodge."

SCRUTINEERS

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers: M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand, R. W.

Bro. E. A. Shaw, V. W. Bro. J. J. Petrie and W. Bros. R. A. Andison,
H. S. Mann, R. F. Lawrence and N. MacKinnon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 376 members and 32 Master Masons present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 556, consisting of 60 W.M.'s with 146 votes; 29 S.W.'s with 46 votes; 22 J.W.'s with 30 votes; 265 Past Masters with 265 votes and 23 Proxies with 69 votes.

123 Chartered lodges are represented.

31 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River	..	..	..	1	3	4
2. Medicine Hat	3	..	..	..	..	3
3. Alberta	..	..	..	1	3	4
4. North Star	3	..	..	..	..	3
5. Cascade	3	..	..	..	..	3
6. Spitzie	..	..	..	1	3	4
7. Edmonton	1	1	1	15	..	18
8. Innisfail	3	..	..	3	..	6
9. Perfection	..	..	..	2	3	5
10. Eureka	3	..	..	3	..	6
11. Acacia	1	1	1	9	..	12
12. Red Deer	3	..	..	1	..	4
13. Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper	1	1	1	6	..	9
15. Wetaskiwin	3	..	..	2	..	5
16. Mountain View	..	3	..	3	..	6
17. Nanton	..	..	..	1	..	1
18. Britannia	3	..	..	1	..	4
19. Cornerstone	3	..	..	2	..	5
20. Carstairs	3	..	..	1	..	4
21. King Hiram	3	..	..	1	..	4
22. Corinthian	..	3	..	2	..	5
23. Calgary	3	..	..	3	..	6
24. Vermilion	..	..	..	1	3	4
25. St. John's	..	1	..	1	..	2
26. Sentinel	3	..	..	1	..	4
27. Apollo	2	1	..	1	..	4
28. Ashlar	3	..	..	2	..	5
29. Kenilworth	..	..	3	5	..	8
30. Summit	3	..	..	2	..	5
31. Doric	3	..	..	..	..	3
32. Cairo	..	..	..	..	..	..
33. Stavely	..	..	..	1	..	1

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
34. Star of the West .	2	1	..	4	..	7
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36. Gleichen.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
37. Camrose.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
38. Hope.....	..	1	1	3	..	5
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
41. King Solomon.....	..	3	..	3	..	6
42. Bowden.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
43. Tuscan.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
45. Ionic.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
46. Palestine.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
48. Crossfield.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
49. Robert Burns.....	..	2	1	3	..	6
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
51. Unity.....	1	1	1	17	..	20
53. Strathmore.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
54. Mount Lebanon.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
56. Beaver.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chiet Mountain.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
59. King George.....	1	1	..	3	..	5
60. Acme.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
61. Provost.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
62. Coal.....	..	2	1	1	..	4
63. Empire.....	1	1	1	10	..	13
64. Bow Island.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
66. St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
67. Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68. Edson.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
69. Connaught.....	1	1	1	3	..	6
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71. Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
72. Coronation.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74. Vulcan.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76. Fidelity.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
77. Strathcona.....	3	..	..	6	..	9
78. Hanna.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
79. Morning Star.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
80. Excelsior.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
81. Commercial.....	1	1	1	5	..	8
82. Acadia.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
83. Zetland.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
84. Champion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
86. Rocky Mountain.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
87. Crescent.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
88. Wahpun.....	..	2	1	4	..	7
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
90. Norwood.....	3	..	..	4	..	7

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
91. Patricia . . .	..	3	..	2	..	5
92. Saskatchewan . .	1	..	1	5	..	7
93. Symbol	..	..	..	..	..	..
94. Lamont	..	..	..	4	3	7
95. Kitchener	..	..	..	3	3	6
96. Dynamic	3	..	..	1	..	4
97. Albion	..	..	..	1	3	4
98. Hand Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..
100. Verdigris	..	..	..	1	3	4
101. West Edmonton . .	2	..	1	4	..	7
102. Edgerton	..	..	..	..	..	..
103. Foremost	..	..	..	..	..	..
104. Oyen	3	..	..	..	..	3
105. Grande Prairie . .	3	..	..	5	..	8
106. Lake Saskatoon . .	..	3	..	..	..	3
107. Carbon	1	1	1	..	..	3
108. Pyramid	..	..	..	..	..	..
110. Kilwinning	..	..	..	..	..	..
111. Nobleford	..	..	..	..	..	..
112. Victory	..	..	..	1	..	1
113. Cyprus	..	..	..	..	..	..
114. Westlock	3	..	..	3	..	6
115. Crocus	..	..	..	..	..	..
116. Spirit River	..	..	..	..	..	..
117. Dominion	1	..	..	6	..	7
118. St. Mark's	..	..	3	3	..	6
119. York	3	..	..	..	..	3
120. Monitor	..	..	..	..	..	..
122. Rising Sun	..	..	..	..	..	..
123. Rockyford	..	..	..	1	..	1
124. Concord	..	3	..	3	..	6
125. Cavell	..	..	..	2	..	2
126. Pembina	..	..	..	..	..	..
127. Granite	..	..	..	1	..	1
128. Forestburg	3	..	..	1	..	4
129. Meridian	1	1	1	2	..	5
130. Hussar	..	..	..	..	..	..
131. Kitcoty	..	..	..	..	..	..
132. Craigmyle	..	..	..	1	3	4
133. Manyberries	..	..	..	..	..	..
134. Renfrew	2	1	..	3	..	6
135. Alliance	3	..	..	1	..	4
136. Cresset	3	..	..	1	..	4
137. Irricana	2	1	..	3	..	6
138. Onoway	..	..	..	1	..	1
139. Melrose	..	..	..	..	..	..
140. Big Valley	3	..	..	..	..	3
141. Efficiency	3	..	..	1	..	4
142. Ivanhoe	2	..	1	5	..	8
143. Jasper Park	..	1	..	2	..	3
144. Gratton	..	..	..	..	..	..
145. St. Alban's	..	..	..	1	3	4
146. Drumheller	..	..	..	..	..	..
147. Northland	..	..	..	2	3	5
148. Mayerthorpe	..	..	..	..	..	..

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
149. Rosebud	.	..	3	1	..	4
151. Lochearn	.	..	..	1	..	1
152. Standard	.	..	..	..	..	..
153. Whitecourt	3	.	..	1	..	4
154. Waskatenau	1	1	1	2	..	5
155. Earl Haig	.	..	..	1	..	1
156. Hythe	.	..	..	1	..	1
157. Sharon	.	..	..	1	..	1
158. Berry Creek	..	..	..	2	..	2
159. Lucerne	..	..	..	..	..	..
160. Sexsmith	..	..	3	2	..	5
	146	46	30	265	69	556

Fraternally submitted,

F. BARNHOUSE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

CALLLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 11:55 o'clock a.m.

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:05 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers, members of the Board of General Purposes and Board of Benevolence was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose elections were confirmed, by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1940-41

M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, J.P. (88)	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. F. Philip Galbraith (29)	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Major A. Jackson Davis (23)	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. Thos. S. Jeffery (59)	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. Ernest V. Bergin (160)	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie (118)	D.D.G.M. No. 1	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Harry H. Beeber (55)	D.D.G.M. No. 2	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. M. Coote (34)	D.D.G.M. No. 3	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Dr. James Murray (16)	D.D.G.M. No. 4	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Fox (61)	D.D.G.M. No. 5	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Hagerman (33)	D.D.G.M. No. 6	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frederick A. Bartram (100)	D.D.G.M. No. 7	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Norman J. Grier (3)	D.D.G.M. No. 8	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Ballentine (72)	D.D.G.M. No. 9	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Harrison (94)	D.D.G.M. No. 10	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Depue (84)	D.D.G.M. No. 11	Dist.
R. W. Bro. John Paterson (77)	D.D.G.M. No. 12	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Jas. F. Kyle (147)	D.D.G.M. No. 13	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ira D. Barton (82)	D.D.G.M. No. 14	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Percy Hallam (137)	D.D.G.M. No. 15	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alfred J. Williams (152)	D.D.G.M. No. 16	Dist.
R. W. Bro. Irving E. Neil (97)	D.D.G.M. No. 17	Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86)	Blairmore
R. W. Bro. John Booth (51)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. J. A. McGhee (21)	Didsbury
R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand (1)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76)	Bashaw
R. W. Bro. F. J. Whitmarsh (49)	Carmangay

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Alexander Blackie (51)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Oliver C. Smith (83)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Herbert Wild (91)	V. W. Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Cyril A. MacPherson (87)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. Henry W. Harper (55)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Norman Leslie (105)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Cyril G. Childe (5)	Grand Steward

V. W. Bro. John R. McLeod (86).....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Macdonnell (29).....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Arthur H. Finch (45).....	Grand Steward

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., assisted by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. George Moore with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, expressing his appreciation of the way in which M. W. Bro. Moore had conducted the Ceremony of Installation and gratitude for the many kindnesses received from him during the year. He assured him that he had the best wishes of all the members of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Moore replied in appropriate terms and remarked with appreciation on the regular attendance of the members throughout the sessions of Grand Lodge, being very pleased with the large number present at the Installation Ceremony.

M. W. Bro. Harris then addressed Grand Lodge, saying that his best efforts would be devoted in filling the duties of the high office in which he had been installed. He trusted that next year, when Grand Lodge meets in Calgary, world conditions would be brighter than they were today, and concluded by wishing the brethren health and happiness and hoped that their lodges would have a most successful year.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-fifth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 4:30 o'clock p.m. and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1940-41

M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), High Prairie	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Deputy Grand Master
3918-3rd Street W., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie (118)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
3820-19th St. W., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Harry H. Beeber (55), Bassano	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. M. Coote (34), Leduc	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Dr. James Murray (16), Olds	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Fox (61), Provost	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Hagerman (33), Parkland	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frederick A. Bartram (100)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
Box 33, Milk River	
R. W. Bro. Norman J. Grier (3), Macleod	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Ballentine (72), Veteran	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Harrison (94), Lamont	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Depue (84), Champion	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John Paterson (77)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
11520-97th St., Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Jas. F. Kyle (147), Whitelaw	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ira D. Barton (82), Big Stone	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Percy Hallam (137), Irricana	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alfred L. Williams (152), Rockyford	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Irving E. Neil (97), Chauvin	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R. W. Bro. F. Philip Galbraith (29), Red Deer	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Junior Grand Warden
10983-125th St., Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Major A. J. Davis (23)	Grand Treasurer
109-25th Avenue W., Calgary	
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Thos. S. Jeffery (59)	Grand Registrar
1117-1st Street W., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Ernest V. Bergin (160)	Grand Chaplain
Box 26, Clairmont	
V. W. Bro. Alexander Blackie (51)	Senior Grand Deacon
12015-91st St., Edmonton	
V. W. Bro. Oliver C. Smith (83)	Junior Grand Deacon
330-26th Ave. W., Calgary	
V. W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson (142)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
828 Tegler Building, Edmonton	
Bro. Herbert Wild (91)	V. W. Grand Organist
10937-124th St., Edmonton	
V. W. Bro. Cyril A. MacPherson (87)	Grand Pursuivant
1412-2nd St. N.W., Calgary	
V. W. Bro. Henry W. Harper (55), Bassano	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Norman Leslie (105), Dimsdale	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Cyril G. Childe (5), Banff	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. John R. McLeod (86), Blairmore	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Macdonnell (29), Hespero	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Arthur H. Finch (45), Mirror	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), Vermilion	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), Grand Master.....	High Prairie
President	R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), Calgary
Vice-President	R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), Calgary
Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary
R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), Deputy Grand Master.....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Calgary
*M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35)	Edmonton
*M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16)	Olds
*V. W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)	Calgary
(*)--Appointed by Grand Master.	

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President.....	R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis
Vice-President.....	R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith
Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), Grand Master	High Prairie
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Past Grand Masters

M. W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9)	Calgary
M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (4)	Lethbridge
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).....	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. J. Watson Young (37)	London, Ont.
M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. T. F. English (23).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. Canon S. H. Middleton (58).....	Cardston
M. W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Snedden (91).....	Ponoka
M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby (83).....	Calgary
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. John Martland (63).....	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83)	Winnipeg, Man.
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In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



*"The good die not; this heritage they leave,
The record of a life well spent,
We know at parting, though we grieve
A noble life is man's best monument."*

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
British Columbia	Henderson, Jas. Sutherland, P.G.M.	Mar. 18, 1940
Colorado	Sanford, Jethro Cornell, P.G.M.	Dec. 16, 1939
Connecticut	Granniss, Weston G., P.G.M.	Apr. 3, 1940
Delaware	Day, Thomas J., P.G.M.	Dec. 30, 1939
Illinois	King, David Dietrick, P.G.M.	June 17, 1939
Indiana	Benedict, Charles P., P.G.M.	Feb. 9, 1940
Iowa	Larson, Lars A., P.G.M.	Mar. 12, 1940
Kentucky	Peak, Robert Francis, P.G.M.	Aug. 15, 1939
Kentucky	Wilhelm, Jas. Elmer, P.G.M.	Nov. 25, 1939
Kentucky	Garnett, James, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1939
Kentucky	Rankins, Chas. Silverthorn, P.G.M.	Dec. 29, 1939
Louisiana	Addington, Emerson H., P.G.M.	Aug. 21, 1939
Manitoba	Adolph, Henry L., P.G.M.	Feb. 25, 1940
Massachusetts	Hamilton, Frederick W., G.S.	May 22, 1940
Minnesota	Kling, Elmer Ambrose, P.G.M.	June 2, 1939
Minnesota	Knowlton, David Waldo, P.G.M.	Sept. 30, 1939
Minnesota	Price, Milo B., G.M.	Mar. 11, 1940
Mississippi	Green, Joseph E., P.G.M.	Feb. 5, 1940
New Brunswick	Thornton, John, G.M.	Apr. 25, 1940
New York	Sawyer, Samuel N., P.G.M.	May 1, 1939
Nevada	Adams, William R., P.G.M.	Feb. 24, 1940
North Dakota	Trousdale, Robt. E., P.G.M.	Dec. 30, 1939
Oregon	Sensenich, Edgar High, P.G.M.	June 11, 1939
Oregon	Brodie, George David, S.G.W.	July 3, 1939
Saskatchewan	Gorrell, Arthur S., P.G.M.	June 3, 1940
Tennessee	Polk, Charles Wessen, P.G.M.	July 5, 1939
Washington	Atkins, Charles D., P.G.M.	Feb. 1, 1940
West Virginia	Steinbicker, F. Charles, P.G.M., G.T.	Feb. 2, 1940
West Virginia	Morris, William T., P.G.M.	Apr. 30, 1940

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"Look to the end no changing tide,
Nor fickle breezes should decide
The course we steer across the seas
That bear our earthly destinies—
For him who shapes that course aright,
The final beckoning entrance Light
Gleams with a welcome doubly bright."*

Memorial Pages

To the honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Brooker, Arthur Grayson	July 31, 1939
1.	Bow River	Cowan, James	Dec. 17, 1939
2.	Medicine Hat	McLaughlin, Hugh	April 12, 1939
2.	Medicine Hat	Read, John	Mar. 17, 1939
2.	Medicine Hat	Reber, Edwin	April 7, 1939
2.	Medicine Hat	Watson, Alexander	Dec. 3, 1939
2.	Medicine Hat	Hardy, Robert Henry	Dec. 14, 1939
3.	Alberta	Fanset, Oren Frederick	Sept. 3, 1939
4.	North Star	Burkitt, John Charles	June 17, 1939
4.	North Star	Taylor, Thomas	June 15, 1939
4.	North Star	Galbraith, Walter Stuart	July 16, 1939
4.	North Star	Young, Harvie McGee	Dec. 12, 1939
5.	Cascade	Williams, David W.	Jan. 17, 1939
5.	Cascade	Lee, William	Oct. 19, 1939
5.	Cascade	Bastian, Thomas William	Nov. 16, 1939
6.	Spitzie	Burns, William Alex	April 11, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Denby, Edwin	April 27, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Morgan, William Arthur	May 25, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Woodward, George W.	Sept. 9, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Little, James Brown	Oct. 1, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Wittmann, Charles Louis	Dec. 10, 1939
9.	Perfection	Coleman, William John	Jan. 23, 1939
9.	Perfection	Higgs, Frederick F.	April 8, 1939
9.	Perfection	Scott, James Ogston	May 9, 1939
9.	Perfection	Bunting, Joseph A.	May 12, 1939
9.	Perfection	Mackenzie, Frank W.	Nov. 27, 1939
9.	Perfection	Brown, John	Sept. 7, 1939
10.	Eureka	MacDonald, Alex. W.	Mar. 22, 1939
11.	Acacia	Gillis, Duncan H. Sinclair	April 15, 1939
11.	Acacia	Cowles, Frank	May 14, 1939
11.	Acacia	Cameron, Hugh	Dec. 11, 1939
12.	Red Deer	Bickford, Thomas Hurd	Nov. 5, 1939
15.	Wetaskiwin	Wilkins, Edward D. H.	Jan. .., 1939

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
16.	Mountain View . . .	Johnson, James Henry . . .	April 30, 1939
16.	Mountain View . . .	Hammer, Louis	Sept. 20, 1939
17.	Nanton	Leek, Alfred Frank	July 12, 1939
18.	Britannia	West, Thomas J.	Mar. 17, 1939
19.	Cornerstone	Young, W. George	Oct. 15, 1939
22.	Corinthian	Laycock, Joseph H.	June 12, 1939
23.	Calgary	Elford, Aaron	Jan. 14, 1939
23.	Calgary	Harris, William James	Feb. 11, 1939
23.	Calgary	Horsman, Tom	Feb. 22, 1939
23.	Calgary	Lockwood, Burwell Benson	Nov. 24, 1939
24.	Vermilion	Brimacombe, Matthew A.	Jan. 18, 1939
24.	Vermilion	Drynan, George A.	Aug. 28, 1939
25.	St. John's	Monkman, Walter Franklin	Mar. 30, 1939
25.	St. John's	Crossman, Maurice Thomas	Feb. 7, 1939
25.	St. John's	Walker, Alphonse Irving	April 21, 1939
26.	Sentinel	Wolstenholme, Frederick	Oct. 13, 1939
26.	Sentinel	Richards, Rees	Aug. 13, 1939
27.	Apollo	Wilson, Charles Emery	April 26, 1939
27.	Apollo	Asmussen, August	April 29, 1939
27.	Apollo	Graffunder, Arthur	June 12, 1939
27.	Apollo	Hargraves, Edward A.	June 22, 1939
27.	Apollo	Barnett, Edward	Aug. 28, 1939
29.	Kenilworth	Gaetz, Raymond Leonard	Jan. 13, 1939
29.	Kenilworth	Smith, Walter Alexander	Feb. 2, 1939
30.	Summit	Lonsbury, Jerry Leonard	April 15, 1939
30.	Summit	Ford, James	July 6, 1939
31.	Doric	Rose, Percy Edward	Jan. 27, 1939
31.	Doric	McRoberts, Alexander	Mar. 3, 1939
31.	Doric	Jones, John Howell	May 15, 1939
32.	Cairo	Hartwell, Albert Edward	Jan. 25, 1939
32.	Cairo	Humphreys, John Beyer	Nov. 27, 1939
36.	Gleichen	Templin, Will Colbert	Sept. 9, 1939
36.	Gleichen	McBean, Duncan	Nov. 12, 1939
37.	Camrose	Olson, Ole B.	Jan. 13, 1939
37.	Camrose	Brinsmead, Thomas Henry	July 13, 1939
37.	Camrose	Scott, Herbert Woodworth	Sept. 23, 1939
39.	Lethbridge	Bass, John Charles	Sept. 14, 1939
45.	Ionic	Johnson, Harry	July 23, 1939
45.	Ionic	Tallman, Clarendon Seeever	Nov. 22, 1939
46.	Palestine	(*)McIntosh, David	Feb. 28, 1939

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
46.	Palestine.	Noland, Joshua M.	Sept. 2, 1939
46.	Palestine.	Letourneau, J. O. A.	Oct. 21, 1939
51.	Unity.	McIntosh, David	Feb. 28, 1939
51.	Unity.	Peter, John F.	June 4, 1939
51.	Unity.	Jardine, Guy Clifford.	Dec. 1, 1939
54.	Mount Lebanon.	Homes, James.	May 9, 1939
54.	Mount Lebanon.	Pinel, James S.	Oct. 20, 1939
55.	Bassano	Ross, Harry Alexander	Jan. 10, 1939
59.	King George.	Budge, John.	Dec. 23, 1939
63.	Empire.	Woodburn, George.	April 29, 1939
63.	Empire.	Taylor, Henry.	Nov. 7, 1939
64.	Bow Island.	Carlson, Arvid	Jan. 18, 1939
66.	St. Andrew's	Code, Daniel George	Oct. 4, 1939
67.	Charity.	Hogg, Charles	June ., 1939
68.	Edson	Lackey, George Avery	July 14, 1939
70.	Quarry	Ellis, John.	Sept. 10, 1939
71.	Tawatinaw.	Clark, Patrick Wm. Leslie.	Sept. 30, 1939
72.	Coronation.	Mitchell, Frank Samuel	Sept. 24, 1939
73.	Brooks	Alden, Herbert Orville	Jan. 19, 1939
74.	Vulcan	Sinclair, Donald.	June 26, 1939
74.	Vulcan.	Burwash, Delbert.	July 13, 1939
75.	Harmony	Henderson, Robert.	Mar. 6, 1939
76.	Fidelity.	Ludwig, Charles.	Mar. 22, 1939
76.	Fidelity.	Raper, John.	Dec. 29, 1939
77.	Strathcona.	Blench, Robert Adams.	Sept. 12, 1939
79.	Morning Star.	Gill, William Paddon.	April 24, 1939
81.	Commercial	Sterling, William Campbell.	Jan. 27, 1939
81.	Commercial.	Wells, Harry Lockhart.	Sept. 7, 1939
81.	Commercial	Atkins, John W.	July 23, 1939
81.	Commercial.	Miller, Sydney M.	Oct. 31, 1939
83.	Zetland.	Thorpe, Roy Clarence.	Oct. 2, 1939
83.	Zetland.	Jenkins, Robert Harold.	Nov. 5, 1939
84.	Champion.	Jopling, Arthur William.	May 24, 1939
86.	Rocky Mountain.	Beebe, William Amasa.	Aug. 20, 1939
87.	Crescent.	Howe, Wellington M.	Mar. 21, 1939
87.	Crescent.	Anhorn, Adolph W.	April 22, 1939
87.	Crescent.	Hemmings, Percy C.	April 1, 1939
87.	Crescent.	Bruce, Clarence D.	Mar. 7, 1939
87.	Crescent.	Dexter, John Henry.	July 11, 1939
88.	Wahpun.	White, William Grove.	April 6, 1939

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
89.	Peace River.....	Orr, Edward Elliot	Aug. 2, 1939
91.	Patricia.....	Mahaffey, William A.....	May 13, 1939
91.	Patricia.....	Gilmore, John M.....	Oct. 24, 1939
91.	Patricia.....	Mercer, Frederick S.....	Sept. 7, 1939
91.	Patricia.....	Whitcomb, Arthur J.....	July 15, 1939
92.	Saskatchewan..(*)	McIntosh, David.....	Feb. 28, 1939
92.	Saskatchewan	McDonagh, George Sprole.....	April 18, 1939
92.	Saskatchewan..	Clyde, Thomas Thorburn.....	June 4, 1939
92.	Saskatchewan..	Ramsay, James.....	Dec. 16, 1939
93.	Symbol.....	Milton, William Alexander....	May 22, 1939
93.	Symbol.....	Evans, James David.....	June 1, 1939
93.	Symbol.....	Main, James E.....	Sept. 13, 1939
94.	Lamont.....	Laidlaw, Adam R.....	May , 1939
97.	Albion.....	Magnusson, Adelstein	Jan. 4, 1939
100.	Verdigris.....	Coates, Frederick J.....	Feb. 28, 1939
101.	West Edmonton(*)	McIntosh, David.....	Feb. 28, 1939
101.	West Edmonton..	McElroy, George Day.....	June 9, 1939
103.	Foremost	Madill, John Dinsmore.....	Oct. 26, 1939
104.	Oyen.....	Wilson, Charles Lee.....	Nov. 5, 1939
105.	Grande Prairie...	Roberts, Henry.....	Nov. 27, 1939
122.	Rising Sun	Harbison, Joseph	April 17, 1939
122.	Rising Sun	Long, John Franklin	June 16, 1939
124.	Concord	Kemm, George John.....	Feb. 18, 1939
124.	Concord.....	Gibbs, Morley Cecil.....	June 26, 1939
125.	Cavell	(*)Raper, John.....	Dec. 29, 1939
129.	Meridian	(*)McIntosh, David.....	Feb. 28, 1939
129.	Meridian	Lory, John Henry	July 7, 1939
134.	Renfrew.....	Kimball, Edgar P.....	Mar. 1, 1939
134.	Renfrew	Roche, William Edward	Mar. 11, 1939
142.	Ivanhoe	Wright, John Sutherland	June 6, 1939
144.	Gratton	Tripp, George Albert.....	July 23, 1939
145.	St. Alban's.....	Shortridge, George Washington	Jan. 25, 1939
145.	St. Alban's.....	Smith, Courtland D.	Jan. 24, 1939
145.	St. Alban's.....	Scott, Jacob William.....	Dec. 10, 1939
146.	Drumheller	Muffett, John	Mar. 19, 1936
146.	Drumheller	Hansen, Knud	Dec. 29, 1939
157.	Sharon.....	Ostbo, Osborne.....	June 4, 1939
158.	Berry Creek.....	Allen, William Samuel.....	Oct. 26, 1939
158.	Berry Creek.....	Brouard, John Martin.....	Nov. 23, 1939
160.	Sexsmith.....	MacGregor, Charles R.....	Dec. 28, 1939

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SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
6.	Spitzie	Gilbert, Herbert J.
22.	Corinthian	Webb, Marion Strode
56.	Beaver	Nicken, Claude Eugene
68.	Edson	MacDonald, Albert Edward
68.	Edson	Manders, Robert Samuel
68.	Edson	Lantz, Lenley A.
68.	Edson	Leslie, John Arthur
68.	Edson	Olson, Clarence Arnold E.
93.	Symbol	Jones, Ernest William
108.	Pyramid	Martin, John N.
115.	Crocus	Milligan, Robert James
131.	Kitseoty	Dunlop, James
131.	Kitseoty	Bennett, Dakota Lorne

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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
2.	Medicine Hat	McCarter, John D.
3.	Alberta	Charlton, William Ernest
4.	North Star	Barkley, John Busby
6.	Spitzie	Robinson, Edgar C.
7.	Edmonton	Gillmann, Henry Charles Lionel
7.	Edmonton	Bowyer, James William
8.	Innisfail	Hodges, Frank Geoffrey
8.	Innisfail	Hodge, Hugh
8.	Innisfail	Schnitka, Benjamin David
8.	Innisfail	Turner, Alfred Thompson
9.	Perfection	Colling, Francis Edmond
9.	Perfection	Taube, Maurice
9.	Perfection	Underwood, William E.
9.	Perfection	Morris, William
9.	Perfection	Roien, Jens Peter
9.	Perfection	Nott, Ed. Ernest
9.	Perfection	Burns, Martin Dugan
9.	Perfection	Kent, Harold N.
10.	Eureka	McMullen, Edward Davidson
10.	Eureka	Wilson, Arthur E.
10.	Eureka	Scott, Earl E.
10.	Eureka	Chapman, Edmund C.
10.	Eureka	Crooker, Ormand B.
10.	Eureka	Grant, John William
10.	Eureka	Collett, Joseph H. S.
10.	Eureka	Taylor, Walter Joseph
10.	Eureka	Whitecotton, Hubert Roy
13.	Victoria	Atkinson, Frederick James
13.	Victoria	Byers, D. Harris

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
13.	Victoria.....	Byers, William F.
13.	Victoria.....	Byers, William A.
13.	Victoria.....	Dawson, Jonathan G.
13.	Victoria.....	Gordon, Peter Dawson
13.	Victoria.....	Henry, Thomas Wm. E.
13.	Victoria.....	Lalond, Amos
13.	Victoria.....	Milne, Angus
13.	Victoria.....	McAdie, William B.
13.	Victoria.....	McKenzie, Carl
13.	Victoria.....	McKenzie, Hector Roy
13.	Victoria.....	McLean, John Dewey
13.	Victoria.....	Pettit, Harry C.
13.	Victoria.....	O'Brien, Avery Stuart
13.	Victoria.....	Reichert, Edward
13.	Victoria.....	Ray, Robert M.
13.	Victoria.....	Setter, Neil
13.	Victoria.....	Wood, Kenneth Percy
13.	Victoria.....	Von Iffland, Lawrence D.
13.	Victoria.....	Walls, John
14.	Jasper.....	Burns, Harry Aubrey
14.	Jasper.....	Dundas, Robert
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Schriefels, Joseph
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Yuill, Donald
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Garlough, Earl
16.	Mountain View.....	Hodgson, Eric
16.	Mountain View.....	Gilmore, R. Samuel
16.	Mountain View.....	Miller, William Henry
16.	Mountain View.....	Mann, S. Clifford
16.	Mountain View.....	Scott, Frank
17.	Nanton.....	Malloy, Edwin David
18.	Britannia.....	Drummond, Robert
18.	Britannia.....	James, John Vincent
19.	Cornerstone.....	Dick, James Ward
19.	Cornerstone.....	Gale, Cecil Melvin
19.	Cornerstone.....	White, James Patterson
19.	Cornerstone.....	Lowan, Albert Elmer
20.	Carstairs.....	McKay, Angus Donald
20.	Carstairs.....	Pearson, Charles Lount
23.	Calgary.....	Gibson, Robert Alexander
25.	St. John's.....	Rodger, John Ritchie
25.	St. John's.....	Skinner, William A.
25.	St. John's.....	Bloomfield, Harry
25.	St. John's.....	Ragan, Harry Butler
25.	St. John's.....	Stott, Alexander Gordon
25.	St. John's.....	Fraser, William John
25.	St. John's.....	McNee, Peter Clark
26.	Sentinel.....	Ironmonger, John
26.	Sentinel.....	Utley, Frederick William
27.	Apollo.....	Braams, Theodore Johannes
28.	Ashlar.....	Cantwell, Jule J.
28.	Ashlar.....	Horner, Wilber Henry
28.	Ashlar.....	Miller, John M.
28.	Ashlar.....	French, George T.
28.	Ashlar.....	Picken, William Frank
29.	Kenilworth.....	MacLaren, Richard Frederick

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
29.	Kenilworth	Robertson, Alexander
30.	Summit	Barnes, Edwin
30.	Summit	Bell, John
31.	Doric	Marsh, Ernest
32.	Cairo	Berlin, Ralph L.
32.	Cairo	Booth, Charles Norman
32.	Cairo	Dawson, Henry Stewart
32.	Cairo	Cottingham, George Edward
32.	Cairo	Coltman, Alfred Donald
32.	Cairo	Olson, Ole
32.	Cairo	Snyder, Rollin C.
32.	Cairo	Ross, William E.
33.	Stavely	Clarke, Walter Fisher
33.	Stavely	Kohler, Hans
36.	Gleichen	Farquharson, William
36.	Gleichen	McLean, Peter
36.	Gleichen	Taylor, Edgar Ward
38.	Hope	Jensen, Christen W.
38.	Hope	Sproule, Charles Ernest
39.	Lethbridge	Davidson, Thomas R.
39.	Lethbridge	Blackford, Merritt B.
39.	Lethbridge	Cook, Charles William
39.	Lethbridge	McKenzie, Wilbur C.
39.	Lethbridge	Telford, Alfred
39.	Lethbridge	Barnacal, William
39.	Lethbridge	Schradin, Stanley P.
40.	Joppa	Fletcher, Albert Edward
42.	Bowden	Baycroft, William Roy
48.	Crossfield	Alexander, Austin
48.	Crossfield	Hoffman, Henry
49.	Robert Burns	McKinnon, Robert Bruce
49.	Robert Burns	McCombe, Warnock
50.	Comet	Barnstable, Hubert
50.	Comet	McCulloch, Mervin E.
50.	Comet	Curtis, Frank M.
51.	Unity	Dumerton, William Samuel
51.	Unity	Moorhouse, Ernest
51.	Unity	Watt, John Clyde
52.	Strathmore	Dalton, Frederick Cleveland
53.	Strathmore	Edwards, Cecil
53.	Strathmore	Koch, George Edward
53.	Strathmore	Kimpton, Frederick Marshall
54.	Mount Lebanon	Scott, Dave
54.	Mount Lebanon	Boyd, William
54.	Mount Lebanon	Sherwood, Thomas Charles
54.	Mount Lebanon	Thorne, John Thomas
54.	Mount Lebanon	Bunning, Rupert Swithin
55.	Bassano	Davis, John Clyde
60.	Acme	Rinn, Beverley Frederick
62.	Coal	Engen, Ingebrigh
62.	Coal	Paulson, Bernard Amundus
63.	Empire	Collingwood, Eric
63.	Empire	Plunkett, David Maurice
63.	Empire	Ritchie, Archibald
63.	Empire	Ward, William Woodruff, Jr.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
70.	Quarry	Courtneil, William Frederick
70.	Quarry	Grinnell, William
70.	Quarry	Pepper, Herbert William
70.	Quarry	Duggan, Edwin James
71.	Tawatinaw	Darwish, James
71.	Tawatinaw	Chapin, Fred
71.	Tawatinaw	Phillipy, Glen
72.	Coronation	Brison, Robert Stanley
72.	Coronation	Brown, James Alexander
72.	Coronation	Clark, Milton D.
72.	Coronation	Hetherington, George Athol
72.	Coronation	Moodie, Robert Valentine
72.	Coronation	Orr, John Lloyd
72.	Coronation	Page, Gerald Davis
72.	Coronation	Roberts, Francis N.
72.	Coronation	Trickey, Frank S.
73.	Brooks	Cann, Frederick Charles Reginald
74.	Vulcan	Brunton, John Nelson
74.	Vulcan	Guy, Tom Owen
74.	Vulcan	Griffin, Fletcher Wesley
74.	Vulcan	Marnoch, Alexander C.
75.	Harmony	Acheson, George Allan
76.	Fidelity	Orser, Hurlburt Henry
78.	Hanna	McCuaig, Dugald W.
78.	Hanna	Thompson, William Edward
78.	Hanna	Webster, Neil McLeod
81.	Commercial	Armstrong, Henry B.
81.	Commercial	Seager, Edmund C.
81.	Commercial	Seager, Harold P.
81.	Commercial	Miles, Robert George
83.	Zetland	Beckwith, Carl Fonner
83.	Zetland	Wilkinson, Russel Brown
83.	Zetland	Pallister, William Robt. Pounder
83.	Zetland	Fleming, Thomas Harold Nelson
90.	Norwood	Wilson, Charles
90.	Norwood	MacGregor, James
90.	Norwood	Law, George
90.	Norwood	Rudd, Terrence C. H.
90.	Norwood	Jones, William Tudno
91.	Patricia	Porter, Otto Irwin
92.	Saskatchewan	Walker, James
96.	Dynamic	Zwierschki, Amil
96.	Dynamic	Marks, Reginald C.
96.	Dynamic	Farrell, Richard Borden
100.	Verdigris	Berg, Oscar A.
100.	Verdigris	Erickson, Walter H.
101.	West Edmonton	Wocks, Alfred A.
101.	West Edmonton	Chappell, Frederick Middleton
101.	West Edmonton	Cumming, William B.
101.	West Edmonton	Livingston, Donald
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Johnson, Boyd D.
107.	Carbon	Pratt, Charles Henry
109.	Ancient Landmark	Reeve, Charles Edward
113.	Cyprus	Bell, Harold A.
113.	Cyprus	Dobson, Mungo G.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodg²</i>	<i>Name</i>
113.	Cyprus.....	Sheline, Andrew
113.	Cyprus..	Thorp, Cyril Alfred
117.	Dominion.....	Hesketh, John
117.	Dominion.....	Patzig, Robert Henry Elois
118.	St. Mark's.....	Green, John Stanley Timothy
118.	St. Mark's.....	Foster, Donald P.
120.	Monitor.....	Creighton, William
122.	Rising Sun.....	Wheeler, William Henry
122.	Rising Sun.....	Wigglesworth, George Metcalf
122.	Rising Sun.....	Kenney, Frank E.
122.	Rising Sun.....	Reynolds, Chester Ambrose
123.	Rockyford.....	Chapman, Victor C.
123.	Rockyford.....	McCrea, George
123.	Rockyford.....	Bullas, William Arthur
123.	Rockyford.....	Rudd, William
123.	Rockyford.....	Fulton, Robert Darry Cecil
123.	Rockyford.....	Gibson, James Wallis
124.	Concord.....	Dennis, Floyd C.
124.	Concord.....	Karran, Cecil Edward
124.	Concord.....	Smyth, Ralph C.
124.	Concord.....	Christopher, Howard Reginald
124.	Concord.....	Cooke, Edward Francis
124.	Concord.....	Claffy, William
127.	Granite.....	Mainland, Hugh C.
127.	Granite.....	Ferguson, George Elliott
127.	Granite.....	Leyden, Donald B.
127.	Granite.....	Gould, George Thomas
134.	Renfrew.....	Macdonald, Elmer Carlyle
134.	Renfrew.....	McLaren, George
136.	Cresset.....	Clark, Robert Bruce, Jr.
136.	Cresset.....	Welsh, Joseph Henry Stephens
143.	Jasper Park.....	McDowell, Edmond Eric
143.	Jasper Park.....	Young, Thomas Churchill
143.	Jasper Park.....	Younie, Alexander Stuart
145.	St. Alban's.....	Hanson, Frank Norman
146.	Drumheller.....	Peacock, Thomas
153.	Whitecourt.....	Plotts, Loren Elroy
153.	Whitecourt.....	Cleveland, Ross Raymond
153.	Whitecourt.....	Wescott, Albert Edward
154.	Waskatenau.....	Pilkington, Emanuel
155.	Earl Haig.....	Clemes, Henry
155.	Earl Haig.....	La Brie, John Michel
155.	Earl Haig.....	Scheidt, Ernest Everhard
155.	Earl Haig.....	Roberts, William Purvis
157.	Sharon.....	Drennan, William Arthur

RESTORATIONS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Collicutt, Frank Herbert . . .	Sept. 6, 1939
1.	Bow River	Nixdorff, Charles W.	Oct. 4, 1939
4.	North Star	Castles, Charles E.	June 5, 1939
5.	Cascade	Hamilton, John	Sept. 14, 1939
5.	Cascade	Finlayson, Forbes Leopold . . .	Oct. 12, 1939
6.	Spitzie	Henderson, William Wallace . .	Dec. 5, 1939
6.	Spitzie	Gilbert, Herbert	Dec. 31, 1939
6.	Spitzie	Freeman, Arthur H.	Dec. 2, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Robinson, George	Feb. 14, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Johnston, Oliver C.	Feb. 14, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Harris, George G.	Sept. 12, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Hanson, Elmer J.	Sept. 12, 1939
7.	Edmonton	Rocke, Guy V. H.	Sept. 12, 1939
9.	Perfection	Long, Albert Edward Robert . .	Dec. 19, 1939
9.	Perfection	Stewart, John Alex. Crozier . .	Dec. 19, 1939
10.	Eureka	Nelles, Robert H.	Mar. 1, 1939
10.	Eureka	Talbot, Freeman E. L.	Mar. 1, 1939
10.	Eureka	McWilliams, James W. D. . . .	April 5, 1939
10.	Eureka	Sharp, Hugh A.	April 5, 1939
12.	Red Deer	Wilson, Thomas Edmonds . . .	Jan. 10, 1939
12.	Red Deer	White, John Bryce	Dec. 12, 1939
12.	Red Deer	Houghton, Jonathon Clarke . .	Sept. 27, 1939
14.	Jasper	Grierson, Thomas Hutton J. . .	Sept. 11, 1939
14.	Jasper	Walker, James Graham	Sept. 11, 1939
16.	Mountain View . . .	Dick, John Everett	Mar. 6, 1939
17.	Nanton	Carr, Arthur Lee	Mar. 9, 1939
19.	Cornerstone	Caspell, Lindsay Ranside . . .	Feb. 17, 1939
19.	Cornerstone	Spankie, Herbert Langtry . . .	Feb. 17, 1939
20.	Carstairs	Stull, Thomas Zackious	Feb. 13, 1939
22.	Corinthian	Bradfield, Paul Edward	Nov. 1, 1939
25.	St. John's	Asselstine, Milford C.	Oct. 27, 1939
26.	Sentinel	Tonks, John Charles	Jan. 12, 1939
26.	Sentinel	Hutton, Isaac	Jan. 12, 1939
27.	Apollo	Wilkinson, Clifford James . . .	Dec. 4, 1939
27.	Apollo	Tolman, Albert Ray	Dec. 4, 1939
27.	Apollo	Shepherd, John D.	Dec. 4, 1939
27.	Apollo	Charlesworth, James A.	Dec. 4, 1939
27.	Apollo	Mair, Mellis Haddon	Dec. 4, 1939
34.	Star of the West . .	Lynn, Russell J.	July 4, 1939
34.	Star of the West . .	Hall, Thomas	Dec. 5, 1939
35.	Mizpah	Hay, Carlton Murven Stanley . .	Sept. 22, 1939
36.	Gleichen	Hardwick, E. Douglas	Jan. 24, 1939
36.	Gleichen	Jones, Gaylen	Feb. 25, 1939
36.	Gleichen	Smith, Harry Leonard	Aug. 28, 1939
50.	Comet	Butcher, Edwin	Jan. 12, 1939
53.	Strathmore	Shrimpton, Archibald Douglas . .	Mar. 6, 1939
54.	Mount Lebanon . . .	Roberts, Harry W.	June 13, 1939
57.	Grassy Lake	Meacham, Edward	Jan. 12, 1939
57.	Grassy Lake	Graham, Oscar J.	May 11, 1939
65.	Diamond City	Black, George	Oct. 5, 1939
70.	Quarry	Worts, George Henry	Mar. 7, 1939
70.	Quarry	Champ, Harry	Dec. 5, 1939
71.	Tawatinaw	Robertson, James Allan D. . . .	Mar. 2, 1939

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
77.	Strathcona	Lain, John Theodore	Mar. 10, 1939
78.	Hanna	Kuse, Matthew Louis	May 3, 1939
88.	Wahpun	Hall, Joseph	June 7, 1939
89.	Peace River	Paul, James Lloyd	Oct. 5, 1939
91.	Patricia	Galland, Arthur	June 16, 1939
91.	Patricia	Treble, John H.	April 21, 1939
91.	Patricia	Thompson, Joel Foster	Sept. 15, 1939
91.	Patricia	Kerr, William D.	Dec. 15, 1939
92.	Saskatchewan	McCartney, Grant	Sept. 14, 1939
93.	Symbol	Watts, Edgar	Feb. 16, 1939
93.	Symbol	Stockton, Frederick Howell	Nov. 9, 1939
95.	Kitchener	Moore, Ora B.	April 4, 1939
101.	West Edmonton	Olsen, Christian L.	Nov. 3, 1939
103.	Foremost	Mathieson, David Connor	Aug. 9, 1939
103.	Foremost	Chisholm, Thomas Ira	Aug. 9, 1939
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Everton, Benton Ross	Sept. 6, 1939
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Holmes, George Hothersall	Oct. 4, 1939
107.	Carbon	Jealous, Arthur Harold	Jan. 16, 1939
107.	Carbon	Purdy, Reginald Harris	Feb. 8, 1939
109.	Ancient Landmark	Armstrong, Russell Bryden	Jan. 4, 1939
114.	Westlock	Jamieson, George	July 7, 1939
114.	Westlock	Little, Reginald Thomas	Nov. 2, 1939
115.	Crocus	Glover, James Barraclough	Mar. 8, 1939
116.	Spirit River	Harrington, Lawrence Gladwyn	Jan. 20, 1939
116.	Spirit River	Moore, Don Cecil	Feb. 20, 1939
116.	Spirit River	Johnson, Ormond A.	June 19, 1939
118.	St. Mark's	Friend, Eric John	Dec. 30, 1939
120.	Monitor	Brown, David Allen	Mar. 9, 1939
120.	Monitor	Finlayson, James	July 13, 1939
120.	Monitor	Vanhorn, Milford A.	July 13, 1939
126.	Pembina	Kerr, Herbert Vernon	Sept. 4, 1939
131.	Kitseoty	Garrett, John Royal	May 30, 1939
134.	Renfrew	Johnson, Clifford Wilson	Jan. 9, 1939
134.	Renfrew	Patterson, John G.	April 10, 1939
134.	Renfrew	Smith, Benjamin Moore	April 10, 1939
136.	Cresset	McKechnie, Archibald W.	Dec. 4, 1939
143.	Jasper Park	Hall, George A.	July 13, 1939

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1.	Row River.	E. W. Thomas.	908-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.	W. H. Williams.	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.	G. R. Davis.	Macleod.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.	W. M. Edwards.	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.	T. A. Dunsmore.	Banff.	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzie.	E. H. Rowe.	Picher Creek.	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.	F. Barnhouse.	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.	W. C. A. Watt.	Innisfail.	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection.	C. S. Evans.	22 Union Bldg., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.	D. F. Chisholm.	Lacombe.	Second Tuesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.	S. P. Dalton.	9740-76th Ave., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.	A. G. Ayres.	Red Deer.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
13.	Victoria.	W. A. Graham.	Fort Saskatchewan.	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Jasper.	H. Sandlands.	9258-91st St., Edmonton.	Third Thursday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.	Harry G. Smith.	Wetaskiwin.	First Monday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.	J. A. Walker.	Olds.	Second Thursday in each month.
17.	Nanton.	Dr. G. E. McKeage.	Nanton.	First Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia.	R. W. McWilliam.	Ponoka.	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.	J. F. Casteel.	High River.	Second Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.	A. S. Gough.	Carstairs.	Second Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.	H. Morgan.	Didsbury.	First Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.	G. C. S. Paterson.	Okotoks.	First Friday in each month.
23.	Calgary.	J. A. McBurney.	2122-5th St. W., Calgary.	First Monday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.	J. W. G. Morrison.	Vermilion.	Second Thursday in each month.
25.	St. John's.	F. W. Laing.	Vegreville.	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.	H. O. Westrup.	Hillcrest.	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo.	Dr. N. W. Connolly.	Settler.	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.	J. W. Quinney.	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary.	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth.	F. P. Galbraith.	Red Deer.	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit.	A. M. W. Cooke.	Coleman.	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric.	W. Gudman.	Taber.	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Cairo.	E. J. I. Hoag.	Clareholm.	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely.	M. E. Malchow.	Stavely.	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West.	R. M. Coote.	Leduc.	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mixpah.	A. G. Finch.	Box 272, Gleichen.	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen.	A. F. MacCallum.	Box 272, Gleichen.	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Camrose.	F. F. Bailey.	Camrose.	Monday, on or before full moon.
38.	Hope.	W. N. Crooks.	Mannville.	Third Thursday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge.	F. J. Russter.	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Second Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa.	W. R. Loughton.	Granum.	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon	A. Moore	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Rowden	W. J. Henderson	Rowden	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Turan	Wm. G. Gair	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	J. Robinson	Wainwright	First Wednesday in each month.
45.	Lonie	W. C. Tallman	Alton	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Phetrie	David K. Allan	Tofield	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chasfield	David Murphy	Coryell	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Chasfield	S. Willis	Coryell	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns	F. W. Hutmarsch	Canagay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Connet	F. W. Ingram	Hardisty	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Strathmore	J. Booth	9350-108th Ave., Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Mount Lebanon	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Basano	N. McKee	1413-3rd St. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Basano	H. H. Becher	Basano	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Basano	T. A. Marshall	Basano	Second Wednesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	H. J. Scott	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	Wm. Bettis	P. O. Box 11, Cardiston	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	King George	H. Whitted	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	Acme	C. B. McGill	Acme	Second Friday in each month.
60.	Provost	W. G. Fox	Provost	Thursday, on or before full moon.
61.	Empire	H. E. Moistad	Bawlf	Third Wednesday in each month.
62.	Empire	J. Marland	9618-105th St., Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire	A. Stephens	Row Island	Third Thursday in each month.
64.	Row Island	H. B. Fuller	Kipp	Third Thursday in each month.
65.	Diamond City	P. T. Rutherford	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
66.	St. Andrew's	W. M. Martin	431-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity	F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Edson	H. B. Collier	Viking	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught	J. R. W. Cann	Box 242, Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Quarry	S. C. Ward	Meanook	Thursday, on or before full moon.
71.	Tawatinaw	S. C. Ward	Veteran	Third Tuesday in each month.
72.	Coronation	A. W. Thoroughman	Brooks	First Tuesday in each month.
73.	Brooks	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Vulcan	Monday, on or before full moon.
74.	Harmony	D. McAfee	Sedgewick	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
75.	Harmony	W. C. Reed	Bashaw	Second Friday in each month.
76.	Fidelity	J. R. Hume	10939-81st Ave., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
77.	Strathcona	H. C. Neal	Hanna	Third Thursday in each month.
78.	Hanna	J. H. Stephens	Loughheed	First Thursday in each month.
79.	Morning Star	A. P. Olsen	Box 35, Strone	First Friday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	H. V. Phipps	11023-125th St., Edmonton	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
81.	Commercial	A. G. Caldwell	Youngstown	First Thursday in each month.
82.	Acadia	W. S. Cummings	1312-7th St. N.W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
83.	Zeland	C. R. Cameron	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
84.	Champion	G. L. Depue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.

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86	Rocky Mountain	J R McLeod	Box 2033, Blairmore	Second Monday in each month
87	Crescent	M. Currie	607-17th Ave N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month
88	Wabun	P. A. Walker	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89	Peace River	T. A. Norris	Peace River	First Thursday in each month.
90	Norwood	W. Horrocks	9918-104th St., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91	Patricia	J. L. Mellish	Box 491, Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92	Saskatchewan	L. Hollingsworth	9721-96th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month
93	Symbol	J. H. Weir	Drumheller	Second Monday in each month
94	Lamont	L. B. Adams	Lamont	Second Monday in each month
95	Kitchener	H. N. Taylor	Rimby	First Tuesday in each month.
96	Dynamic	D. H. Allan	Hollen	First Wednesday in each month.
97	Albion	W. F. Foulds	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98	Hand Hill	D. H. Campbell	Delia	First Thursday, on or before full moon.
99	Verdigris	I. M. Cooney	Coutts	Third Tuesday in each month.
100	West Edmonton	W. Bridge	12843-121st St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month
101	Edgerton	F. F. Mitchell	Edgerton	Monday, on or before full moon.
102	Foremost	G. O. Brownee	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103	Oyen	O. E. Samuelson	Oyen	First Friday in each month.
104	Granite Prairie	L. Kowensky	Granite Prairie	Third Wednesday in each month
105	Lake Saskatchewan	A. E. W. Roberts	Wentley	First Wednesday in each month
106	Carbon	S. F. Torrance	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon
107	Pyramid	E. W. Frost	Lonsdale	Third Thursday in each month
108	Kilwinning	R. Hayward	Lonsdale	Third Monday in each month
110	Nobleford	E. Rubie	Lonsdale	Second Tuesday in each month
111	Victory	W. Boyd	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month
112	Cyprus	Wm. Harrie	Box 95, Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month
113	Westlock	A. Watlisspoon	Box 23, Peaverville	First Thursday in each month
114	Crooks	H. J. Westphal	Cereal	First Thursday in each month
115	Star River	J. M. Fildes	Star River	Wednesday, on or after full moon
116	Dommon	R. W. Ward	10228-107th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month
117	St Mark's	R. W. Price	1824-15th St. S.W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month
118	York	Geo. A. Thompson	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month
119	Monitor	D. D. Thomas	Altario	Second Thursday in each month
120	Rising Sun	W. E. Cruickshank	Betha	Second Wednesday in each month
121	Rockyford	C. R. Walrod	Rockyford	Fourth Monday in each month
122	Concord	G. J. McKay	210-38th St. N.W., Calgary	Third Saturday in each month.
123	Cavell	J. Y. Greenwood	Louisa	Third Thursday in each month.
124	Pembina	P. Halstead	Sengdo	First Monday in each month.
125	Granite	H. Amuews	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month
126	Forestburg	Haus Farvolden	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
127	Meridian	Jas. Malloch	Stony Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
128	Hussar	H. B. Sturt	Hussar	Second Monday in each month.
129	Kitscoty	J. G. Inglis	Kitscoty	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
130	Craignyle	A. W. Read	Craignyle	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
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133	Manyberries	G. I. Britney	Manyberries	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134	Renfrew	C. N. B. Laté	616-23rd Ave. W., Calgary	Second Monday in each month
135	Alliance	N. B. Anderson	Alliance	First Wednesday in each month.
136	Cresset	J. A. Gower	Barons	First Monday in each month
137	Irreana	E. H. Caldwell	Kathryn	Third Tuesday in each month
138	Onaway	E. T. Longman	Onaway	First Wednesday in each month.
139	McKenay	V. A. Foughton	Daysland	Second Tuesday in each month.
140	Big Valley	Frank Dewar	Big Valley	First Tuesday in each month
141	Efficiency	M. C. Conlaine	Hugenden	First Monday in each month
142	Ironbark	J. H. Wright	9483-15th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month
143	Jessie Park	Chas. B. Hunter	P. O. Box 266, Jasper	Second Thursday in each month
144	Cratich	T. E. Yair	Irma	Third Thursday in each month.
145	St. Alban's	W. G. Fuller	St. Paul, Box 107	Fourth Saturday in each month
146	Drumheller	H. A. Evans	Drumheller	Third Tuesday in each month
147	Northland	E. J. Martin	Fairview	Second Wednesday in each month.
148	Mayenthorpe	C. C. Hagen	Mayenthorpe	Thursday, on or before full moon
149	Rosebush	B. M. Parker	Rosebush	Second Wednesday in each month
150	Lochearn	L. Hodge	Rocky Mountain House	Third Tuesday in each month
151	Standard	E. A. Wagner	Standard	Third Monday in each month
152	Winpeconau	Thos. G. Govenlock	Whitecourt	First Wednesday in each month
153	Waskatenau	E. J. Henry	P. O. Box 18, Waskatenau	First Wednesday in each month.
154	Earl Haig	A. E. Goode	Burhead	Second Monday in each month
155	Hyvie	Rev. N. Calland	Beaver Lodge	Last Thursday in each month.
156	Sharon	Robt. Arthur	Iron Springs	Fourth Wednesday in each month
157	Berry Creek	Hugh H. Forster	Cressford	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158	Lucerne	C. F. Dewhurst	Vauxhall	First Tuesday in each month
159	Sexsmith	T. A. Barbraim	Sexsmith	Second Wednesday in each month
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1	Bow River	198	1	3	3	..	2	..	..	..	2	199	1	..
2	Medicine Hat . . .	249	5	3	4	1	..	1	1	..	5	248	..	1
3	Alberta	79	2	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	79	..	..
4	North Star	190	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	4	189	..	1
5	Cascade	141	4	5	5	1	2	3	..	..	3	142	1	..
6	Spitzie	62	2	2	2	2	3	..	2	..	1	66	4	..
7	Edmonton	220	3	3	3	2	5	5	2	..	5	218	..	2
8	Innisfail	72	4	3	2	1	..	1	4	..	..	72	..	..
9	Perfection	300	..	1	1	3	2	4	8	..	6	287	..	13
10	Eureka	98	1	..	..	2	4	3	9	..	1	92	..	6
11	Acacia	177	8	9	8	3	..	2	..	..	3	183	6	..
12	Red Deer	99	2	2	1	..	3	1	..	..	1	102	3	..
13	Victoria	53	..	..	..	1	..	22	..	..	..	31	..	22
14	Jasper	127	1	1	..	..	2	3	2	..	..	125	..	2
15	Wetaskiwin	95	1	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	1	92	..	3
16	Mountain View . .	72	3	3	4	2	1	..	5	..	2	71	..	1
17	Nanton	69	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	67	..	2
18	Britannia	76	2	2	5	1	..	1	2	..	1	75	..	1
19	Cornerstone	124	7	7	7	3	2	1	4	..	1	130	6	..
20	Carstairs	25	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	24	..	1
21	King Hiram	61	3	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	62	1	..
22	Corinthian	147	2	2	2	..	1	4	1	..	1	144	..	3
23	Calgary	154	5	5	5	4	..	4	1	..	4	154	..	..
24	Vermilion	95	7	7	8	3	..	..	..	..	2	103	8	..
25	St. John's	113	2	1	1	..	1	4	7	..	3	102	..	11
26	Sentinel	54	4	4	4	..	2	1	2	..	2	55	1	..
27	Apollo	102	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	..	5	100	..	2
28	Ashlar	154	2	2	2	1	..	3	5	..	..	149	..	5
29	Kenilworth	74	1	1	1	2	..	1	2	..	2	72	..	2
30	Summit	57	2	2	3	1	..	1	2	..	2	55	..	2
31	Doric	42	2	2	2	..	..	2	1	..	3	38	..	4
32	Cairo	68	1	1	1	..	..	1	8	..	2	58	..	10
33	Stavely	47	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	45	..	2
34	Star of the West .	53	2	2	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	57	4	..
35	Mizpah	126	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	129	3	..
36	Gleichen	61	4	6	4	1	3	2	3	..	2	62	1	..
37	Camrose	86	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	3	83	..	3
38	Hope	43	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	41	..	2
39	Lethbridge	131	6	6	6	4	..	1	7	..	1	132	1	..
40	Joppa	42	1	1	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	37	..	5
41	King Solomon . . .	35	1	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	1	..
42	Bowden	51	1	1	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	48	..	3
43	Tuscan	45	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	48	3	..
44	Buffalo Park . . .	60	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	58	..	2

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45	Ionic.....	29	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	28	..	1
46	Palestine.....	44	4	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	3	43	..	1
47	Chinook.....	30	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	29	..	1
48	Crossfield.....	45	5	5	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	47	2	..
49	Robert Burns....	26	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	26	..	..
50	Comet.....	26	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	..	..	27	1	..
51	Unity.....	313	5	4	4	4	..	7	3	..	3	309	..	4
53	Strathmore.....	63	1	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	61	..	2
54	Mount Lebanon	176	2	2	2	..	1	5	5	..	2	167	..	9
55	Bassano.....	61	4	5	6	..	..	2	1	..	1	61	..	..
56	Beaver.....	58	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	58	..	..
57	Grassy Lake.....	24	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	26	2	..
58	Chief Mountain..	29	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	33	4	..
59	King George.....	249	6	4	3	2	..	5	..	..	1	251	2	..
60	Acme.....	38	6	4	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	42	4	..
61	Provost.....	38	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	38	..	..
62	Coal.....	34	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	35	1	..
63	Empire.....	92	3	4	4	3	..	1	4	..	2	91	..	1
64	Bow Island.....	55	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	55	..	..
65	Diamond City....	34	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	34	..	..
66	St. Andrew's....	61	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	1	57	..	4
67	Charity.....	62	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	62	..	..
68	Edson.....	147	8	8	7	1	..	2	5	..	1	148	1	..
69	Connaught.....	28	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	2	..
70	Quarry.....	34	5	5	4	..	2	..	4	..	1	36	2	..
71	Tawatinaw.....	29	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	..	1	28	..	1
72	Coronation.....	67	..	..	..	1	..	4	9	..	1	54	..	13
73	Brooks.....	79	5	5	6	..	..	2	1	..	1	80	1	..
74	Vulcan.....	82	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	2	77	..	5
75	Harmony.....	32	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	31	..	1
76	Fidelity.....	61	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	61	..	..
77	Stratheona.....	141	9	9	9	..	1	3	..	..	1	147	6	..
78	Hanna.....	71	..	..	..	1	1	3	3	..	..	67	..	4
79	Morning Star....	32	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	32	..	..
80	Excelsior.....	*22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..
81	Commercial.....	142	1	2	2	3	..	3	4	..	4	135	..	7
82	Acadia.....	38	2	2	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	38	..	..
83	Zetland.....	218	2	1	1	4	..	2	4	..	2	216	..	2
84	Champion.....	37	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	38	1	..
86	Rocky Mountain	50	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	49	..	1
87	Crescent.....	186	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	5	175	..	11
88	Wahpun.....	41	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	41	..	..
89	Peace River.....	59	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	62	3	..
90	Norwood.....	87	1	4	4	3	..	5	5	..	..	81	..	6

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91	Patricia	215	5	5	7	2	4	9	1		4	212		3
92	Saskatchewan	97	3	3	4	1	1	1	1		4	97		
93	Symbol	142	5	5	1	1	2	3	1		3	143	1	
94	Lamont	46	2	2	3			1			1	46		
95	Kitchener	32	1	1	2	1	1	1	6			28		4
96	Dynamic	37	1	1	1	2		1	3			36		1
97	Albion	38	3	1	1	1		1			1	40	2	
98	Hand Hill	43	1	1	1			1				43		
100	Verdigris	48	1	1	1			2	2		1	44		4
101	West Edmonton	101	5	5	5	1	1		4		2	102	1	
102	Edgerton	28	2	2	2							30	2	
103	Foremost	39					2	1			1	39		
104	Oven	37	12	12	10	1		4				45	8	
105	Grande Prairie	82			1	1		3			1	79		3
106	Lake Saskatoon	47		1	1	2	2	1	1			49	2	
107	Carbon	51	1	1	1		2	4	1			49		2
108	Pyramid	28						2	1			25		3
109	Ancient													
	Landmark	31					1	1	1			30		1
110	Kilwinning	30		1	1	1						31	1	
111	Nobleford	19	6	6	6			1				24	5	
112	Victory	16										16		
113	Cyprus	39	1	3	2			2	4			34		5
114	Westlock	58	1	1			2	1				60	2	
115	Crocus	36	7	7	6	2	1	3	1			42	6	
116	Spirit River	46			1	3	3	2				50		
117	Dominion	96	8	7	7			1	2			101	5	
118	St. Mark's	92	2	2	2	2	1		2			95	3	
119	York	91						2				89		2
120	Monitor	27		1	1	1	3	3	1			27		
122	Rising Sun	43							4		2	37		6
123	Rockyford	47						2	6			39		8
124	Concord	111	6	6	6	1		5	6		2	105		6
125	Cavell	26	3	2	2	1		4			1	25		1
126	Pembina	31	1	1	1		1	2				31		
127	Granite	62	4	2					4			62		
128	Forestburg	34			1							34		
129	Meridian	37	1	1	1						2	36		1
130	Hussar	30	1	1	1							31	1	
131	Kitseoty	28	2	2	2		1		2			29	1	
132	Craigmyle	24	2	1	1							26	2	
133	Manyberries	36	2	2	2							38	2	
134	Renfrew	95	5	5	4	1	3	3	2		2	97	2	
135	Alliance	23						3				20		3

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136	Crosset .	26		1	1		1		2			25		1
137	Irricana .	51	3	3	3	1		2				53	2	
138	Onoway .	20										20		
139	Melrose .	18	1	1	1	2		1				20	2	
140	Big Valley .	30	5	5	5	1						36	6	
141	Efficiency	32	2	3	3			1				33	1	
142	Ivanhoe .	159		1		4		3			1	159		
143	Jasper Park	76	4	3			1	2	3			76		
144	Gratton .	27	2	2	2			1			1	27		
145	St. Alban's	49	3	4	3	1		1	1		3	48		1
146	Drumheller	60	1	1	1	2		2	1		2	58		2
147	Northland	35	5	6	5	2		1				41	6	
148	Mayerthorpe	24	5	5	5	1		1				29	5	
149	Rosebud .	12	1									13	1	
151	Locheanu .	51	3	3	3	3						57	6	
152	Standard .	21						1				20		1
153	Whitecourt	28	2	1	1				3			27		1
154	Waskatenau	18	2	3	3			1	1			18		
155	Earl Haig	27	1	1	1	1			4			25		2
156	Hythe .	23				2						25	2	
157	Sharon .	20	4	2	2				1		1	22	2	
158	Berry Creek	33	5	1	1			2			2	34	1	
159	Lucerne .	18	3	2	2	1						22		4
160	Sexsmith .	24	1	1	2	1		1			1	24		
		10898	338	334	319	130	90	227	259	1	153	10816	164	246

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Czechoslovakia (National)		
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District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.
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France (Nat'l G. L.)		
Georgia	Frank F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho	Curtis F. Pike.....	Boise City.
Illinois	Richard C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg
Indiana	W. H. Swintz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis
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Kentucky	A. E. Orton.....	200 Shubert Bldg., Louisville
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Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg
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Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton.....	Boston
Mexico (York G. L.)	Fred T. Berger.....	Apartado 1986, Mexico City
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New Brunswick	Robt. D. Magee.....	P.O. Box 430, St. John
New Hampshire	J. M. Dresser.....	3 North Main St., Concord.
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New York	Chas. H. Johnson.....	Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23d St., New York
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North Carolina	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
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Nova Scotia	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax
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Oklahoma	C. A. Sturgeon.....	Guthrie.
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Roumania (United)		
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South Carolina	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota	W. D. Swain.....	Sioux Falls
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Tasmania	W. H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
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Texas	Geo. H. Belew.....	Waco
Utah	S. H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
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Vermont	Archie S. Harriman.....	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria	William Stewart.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia	Jas. M. Cliff.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
West Australia	A. E. Jensen.....	Freemasons' Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	I. W. Coffman.....	P O. Box 346, Charleston.
Wisconsin	Wm. F. Weiler.....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

• Deceased

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie (118)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Harry H. Beeber (55)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. M. Coote (34)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Dr. James Murray (16)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Fox (61)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance.
No. 139	McIrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Hagerman (33)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Coktoks
No. 32	Carro.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavelv.....	Stavelv
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. F. A. Bartram (100)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Norman J. Grier (3)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Ballentine (72)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor	Consort
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Harrison (94)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope	Mannville
No. 63	Empire	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Depue (84)

No. 49	Robert Burns	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. --R. W. Bro. John Paterson (77)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Stratheona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Jas. F. Kyle (147)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Ira D. Barton (82)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Percy Hallam (137)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. L. Williams (152)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Irving E. Neil (97)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
- Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
- Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
- Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
- Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
- Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.

14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. **Question:** Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer:** A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. **Question:** What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer:** All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. **Question:** May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer:** No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. **Question:** Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer:** Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. **Question:** Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer:** Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. **Question:** Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer:** No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. **Question:** Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer:** No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.

36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?

Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.

37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.

38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.

39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?

Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.

40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?

Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?

Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
- Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise Proceedings, 1936.
43. Question: What is the standing of a brother who has been installed Worshipful Master of a lodge and who has only occupied the Master's chair for a period of six months?
- Answer: His rank is an Installed Master and as such can at the request of the Senior Warden, occupy the Master's chair and confer degrees, but this in no way constitutes a fulfillment of the constitutional requirements to rank as a Past Master, nor is he more than Acting Master. Proceedings, 1937.
44. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
45. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
47. Question: Can the regular business of a lodge be conducted at a meeting called for the celebration of the Feast of St. John and the Installation of officers?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
48. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.
49. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

50. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

51. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

52. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

53. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

54. Question: Is a brother who was elected and installed Master of the lodge, but who following installation left the jurisdiction and never acted as the Master of the lodge, entitled to the rank of Past Master after the twelve months' term?

Answer: Yes. No objection being raised by his lodge to his continuance in office, under the circumstances he is entitled to the rank of Past Master on the election and installation of his successor. Proceedings, 1939.

55. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting. Proceedings, 1939.

56. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.

57. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.

58. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REPORT BY M. W. BRO. DR. GEO. W. KERBY, P.G.M.

Commissioned by the Grand Master to represent the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

At the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G. as Grand
Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, London,
July 19, 1939

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To M. W. Bro. George Moore,
Grand Master.

M. W. Sir:

I have great pleasure in reporting that in accordance with your commission I attended the Installation Ceremonies of the United Grand Lodge of England at London, with other delegates from various Grand Jurisdictions.

On arrival I found that rooms had been reserved for guests at the Savoy Hotel, where we had every attention. The first function was a reception and dinner at this hotel to all the visiting representatives.

An Especial Grand Lodge was held at Olympia for the occasion and was attended by over 12,000 members of the Order in Great Britain and of Constitutions in other countries with whom there is fraternal relationship. The vast hall at Olympia could have been filled three times over if all those Masons who wished to attend the ceremony could have been accommodated, and this without knowledge at the time that the King was to take the leading part in it.

His Majesty, as Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, a rank which he accepted in 1937, installed his brother, The Duke of Kent, as the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. There had not been an installation of a Grand Master in England for thirty-eight years. Between them the Duke of Connaught and his predecessor King Edward VII (as Prince of Wales) shared 65 years rulership of the Craft. As the King pointed out, for a century and a half, with the exception of thirty years, the position has been held by a member of the Royal House.

The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Harewood, opened the Grand Lodge and visiting deputations from recognized jurisdictions entered in procession, each heralded by a fanfare of trumpets. The deputations came from Central and South America and the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Yugoslavia, France, Philippine Islands, Norway, Greece, Denmark, Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands,

the United States of America, Scotland and Ireland. Each representative was personally greeted by Lord Harewood.

Over 12,000 members of the Order drawn from the four quarters of the globe, attended at Olympia, Wednesday, July 19th. Famed for the great pageants it has staged, it is doubtful if Olympia ever presented a more picturesque and impressive spectacle than on this occasion. The mural and floral decorations and the huge assembly comprised of brethren resplendant in purple and gold, crimson and silver and the colorful regalia of the deputations from the Scottish, Irish and Overseas Constitutions, the beautiful azure blue and silver of the less distinguished, all assisted to produce a picture the grandeur of which only an artist could do justice to.

With characteristic punctuality the auspicious ceremony commenced at four o'clock by the brethren being called to order by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. W. Bro. C. R. I. Nicholl. The Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. the Earl of Harewood, K.G., entered in procession formed by the following:

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Tyler, ten Grand Stewards, the Assistant Grand Pursuivants, the Grand Pursuivant, the Assistant Grand Standard Bearers, the Assistant Grand Sword Bearers, the Deputy Grand Sword Bearer. Ten Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, the Assistant Grand Superintendent of Works, the Grand Superintendent of Works, the Assistant Grand Registrars, the Assistant Grand Chaplains. The Grand Inspectors, the President of the Board of Benevolence, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Deputy Grand Registrar, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Treasurer, a Grand Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Blackburn. Past District Grand Masters, Provincial and District Grand Masters, two Junior Grand Deacons, the Junior Grand Warden, two Senior Grand Deacons, the Senior Grand Warden.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, General Sir Francis Davies, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., V.L. The Grand Sword Bearer, Lieut. Robt. D. Ormsby, C.B.E., R.M.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, K.G.

The Grand Standard Bearers, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Junior Grand Deacons, two Grand Stewards.

Having ascended the throne, the Pro Grand Master, following the opening of Grand Lodge, referred to the attendance of many representatives of recognized jurisdictions and directed that they be introduced. The deputations were then announced, each being greeted by a fanfare of trumpets, and on reaching the dais were individually greeted by the Pro Grand Master in the following order: Central and South America and West Indies, Australasia, Canada.

Canada Thinking that you might appreciate the names of the delegates from Canada, I present them in the order in which they were arranged and called by the committee.

Alberta- Rev. George W. Kerby, B.A., D.D. LL.D., P.G.M.

Prince Edward Island Lieut. Col. G. Elliott Full, V.D., P.G.M.;
Donald Baker, Grand Master.

Quebec- W. R. Eakin, P.D.D.G.M., Grand Secretary; W. W. Williamson, P.G.M.

Nova Scotia- Reginald V. Harris, K.C., P.G.M.

Canada in Ontario- Francis A. Copus, P.G.M.; R. B. Dargavel
K.C., P.G.M.

Europe and Asia; United States of America, eighteen States represented; Scotland and Ireland.

At the conclusion of the reception of the visiting deputations and after they had been duly saluted, the Grand Director of Ceremonies announced the presence of M. W. Bro. His Majesty the King, Past Grand Master.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master directed an escort to retire and the procession entered in the following order:

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies
Four Grand Stewards
Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
Two Junior Grand Deacons
Six Provincial and District Grand Masters
The Grand Secretary
The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master
Four Senior Grand Deacons
The Equerry
The Grand Director of Ceremonies
Two Grand Stewards,

and formed up in two lines on the sides of the aisle. His Majesty entered and remained at the top of the stairs, when he was the recipient of a remarkably enthusiastic greeting, continuing to remain there while the National Anthem was played.

His Majesty, clothed in the regalia of a Past Grand Master, then descended the stairs to the accompaniment of renewed cheering which continued with increased volume as he passed each block of seats during his long perambulation to the dais. Having been conducted to his seat on the right of the Pro Grand Master, the latter addressed His Majesty, extending a warm welcome to him on behalf of all present. They were all very grateful that His Majesty was continuing the patronage and protection of the Order, which act they valued very highly. Following which the Pro Grand Master said: "If Your Majesty in your capacity of Past Grand Master, will do us the honour of installing the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, the pleasure of this vast concourse of brethren from all parts of the world will be complete."

Having acceded to the request, His Majesty assumed the throne amidst great applause and was duly saluted.

The arrival of the Grand Master, The Duke of Kent, was then announced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, following which the Standard of His Royal Highness and that of the Grand Lodge were introduced and were dedicated at the behest of His Majesty by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

This proceeding concluded, a deputation was formed which withdrew for the purpose of escorting His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, K.G., Grand Master, which entered in the following order:

The Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies; four Grand Stewards. The Chain and Jewel of the Grand Master on a cushion, borne by the Deputy Grand Master of the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 259. Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies; two Junior Grand Deacons. The President of the Board of Benevolence, the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Registrar, the Grand Treasurer and four Past Grand Wardens. Six Provincial and District Grand Masters, four Senior Grand Deacons, the Grand Standard Bearers, the Equerry, Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, G.C.M.G., the Grand Director of Ceremonies and two Grand Stewards.

Taking their position at the foot of the steps the stirring fanfare of the trumpets announced the entrance of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, who was loudly greeted. The demonstration only ceased when His Royal Highness reached the centre of the hall.

Having been introduced in customary form by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, His Majesty, addressing the Grand Master, said:

"It gives me great pleasure to come here today to instal you, my own brother, as Grand Master of English Freemasonry.

"As you know, except for one period of thirty years, a member of our House has occupied the throne of Grand Master for over a century and a half. For the past sixty-five years this throne has been filled first by our Grandfather, King Edward VII, and then by our Great Uncle, the Duke of Connaught, who is beloved by men and Masons throughout the world. During this period, English Freemasonry has prospered in a remarkable manner. It will be no easy task for any Mason to follow in their footsteps but I have every confidence that you will succeed in the office to which you have been elected by your brethren.

"This great and representative gathering of recognised Freemasons, who have come from all quarters of the Globe to greet you on this occasion, will indicate to you the support you may expect in the future. You know that you have my good wishes, and as a brother Mason, I shall always follow with great interest your Rulership of the Craft and the progress of our Order."

After a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the King administered the obligation to the Duke of Kent, and invested and installed him as Grand Master.

Lord Donoughmore, Grand Master of Ireland; Brig-Gen. Sir Norman Orr-Ewing, Grand Master Mason of Scotland; M. W. Bro. H. Van Tongeren, Grand Master of the Netherlands and R. W. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry, Grand Master of Massachusetts, representing visiting deputations, then addressed the Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Perry said: "The relations between our two countries were never more cordial than they are today. The tremendous welcome, so recently accorded in America to our Masonic Brother, your King, and his gracious Queen, was a sincere tribute to their personal merit and their symbolic representation of a great and friendly neighbor."

GROWTH OF THE CRAFT

Lord Harewood, addressing the Grand Master, said it was thirty-eight years since any brother had witnessed the installation of a Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. The principles of the Craft, themselves unalterable and fundamental, have attracted an ever-increasing number of disciples, so much so that since the Duke of Connaught assumed the rulership in 1901, nearly three thousand lodges have been added to the roll. All were eager to pay allegiance to their new Grand Master. He spoke therefore on behalf of some 400,000 brethren when he assured the Grand Master of the loyalty of the whole English Craft.

In this country they were fortunate in the fact that Freemasonry was in no sense involved in political factions or intrigue. Indeed, the first instruction received by an initiate into their lodges was that Freemasonry must be kept clear from those political and religious discussions which so often lead to dissension and even hatred. It remained among the first duties of all rulers in the Craft to foster brotherly love and unanimity.

The United Grand Lodge of England had fraternal relationships with many Grand Lodges throughout the world, which they were proud to maintain. They would indeed be happy to extend their recognition to all Freemasons who could show that they had consistently subscribed to Freemasonry's unaltered principles which could in no circumstances be relaxed. Unfortunately there did exist bodies styling themselves Freemasons who did not adhere to these principles and by associating themselves with political actions had undoubtedly been responsible for the attacks on Freemasonry as a whole in certain countries abroad. But they were proud to know that in most cases the brethren of the Constitution over which the Duke of Kent now rules, had suffered no disabilities because it was recognised that the principles of English Freemasonry could never allow its adherents to act subversively against the system of government of the country whose subjects they were or under whose protection they lived.

WORK FOR CHARITY

In the year in which the Duke of Connaught became Grand Master, £75,000 were subscribed in their lodges to support the three Masonic institutions. Today the quadrupled responsibilities arising from increasing membership of their Order were still adequately met, and in addition they had undertaken the care of those needing medical and surgical treatment at the Royal Masonic Hospital. It was therefore fair to claim that the Craft was still actuated by that great quality—Charity.

The active interest of their Grand Masters from time immemorial and most of all of the Duke's Grandfather during twenty-six years, and of the Duke of Connaught during thirty-eight years, had contributed in great measure to the prosperity of the Craft. They look forward to an epoch of even increased prosperity under their new Grand Master.

The Grand Master, The Duke of Kent, read the following message from the Duke of Connaught:

"Please accept my sincere good wishes on your installation as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. I trust

that you may occupy your exalted position for many years to come, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless you in your undertaking. Will you convey my fraternal greetings to all the brethren present at Olympia. I know you will receive from them that loyal support which I enjoyed for so long a period."

Continuing, the Duke of Kent thanked the King for performing the ceremony of installation. His words to him as his brother, when he entered the hall, had touched him deeply. That the brethren had elected him to this high office was an honor which he appreciated as an opportunity for real service to the King and the Craft. Whatever lay in his power to do for the good of their great institution would be done to the best of his ability, and he hoped they would find him worthy to follow in the footsteps of so many members of his family who had preceded him.

SPIRIT OF SERVICE

The Grand Master went on, "One of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry is Service, not only to the members of the Order, but to the nation.

"While the opinions of brethren may differ in politics and religion, Freemasonry provides the means whereby brethren of all parties and sects are bound together by those virtues which are common to all who desire to serve their fellow-men.

"As a body we lay stress on the common interests that unite, rather than the causes which divide men, and while we do not hinder our members from following their various interests, Freemasonry has done much to soften the bitterness which so often arises out of conflicting opinions.

"The Duke of Connaught recently authorised the issue of a Statement dealing with the aims and relationships of the Craft, which defined the attitude of Freemasonry towards certain matters of general concern. I should like to stress the fundamental importance of this statement because we shall always demand that our brethren act in both the letter and spirit of its contents.

"The Pro Grand Master has reminded you that we have no association with bodies, even if calling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to our principles. The distinction between such bodies and ourselves has not always been appreciated, and in consequence, the reputation of true Freemasonry has in places been assailed.

"I regret that so many have been disappointed at being unable to be present here today. I understand that this hall could have been filled three times over.

"I trust, brethren, that this vast assembly, perhaps the largest gathering of Freemasons ever held for such a purpose, has not congregated without giving rise to some lasting good. It is an occasion when each of us must be reminded of our responsibilities to the Order. Each of us, whatever his position in the Craft, has his personal share in those responsibilities, and it behoves all of us to perform all of our

duties to the best of our ability. Our object must be to maintain the traditions of the Craft. They are in our keeping, to hand on to our successors at least as pure and as unsullied as we have received them, and I therefore commend to you the words of that sacred volume upon which each of us has taken his obligation--Love the Brotherhood, Fear God and Honour the King."

At the conclusion of his address the Grand Master proceeded to invest a large number of brethren who had received special honors in celebration of the occasion. The honor list was in the form of promotions, past ranks and a special list of members of the staff in the Grand Secretary's office.

The investiture concluded, an escort was formed and His Majesty retired, a proceeding which was followed by the closing of Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and the singing of the National Anthem.

Immediately after the closing of Grand Lodge the Grand Master retired, and then the delegations from the different countries retired in the order in which they came in. When His Majesty the King retired it was thought that he returned to the Palace, but when the delegations arrived at the reception room at the end of the Olympia, we were told that His Majesty and the Duke of Kent were waiting in a small reception room nearby.

We were again called by countries and once more I had the privilege of leading the Canadian delegation into the reception room and was personally presented to His Majesty, followed by the other Canadians.

In the evening of the day of installation, dinner with Grand Officers' Mess was held at the Connaught Room. This dinner was for the purpose of meeting the guests of Grand Lodge from recognized jurisdictions. There were Toasts to the King and Craft, the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, and to the guests.

On Thursday, July 20th, in the forenoon, was an inspection of the Freemasons' Hall, the Peace Memorial Temple, and a luncheon at noon with the Grand Steward's Lodge at Connaught Rooms.

The Masonic Peace Memorial in honor of the Duke of Connaught, was completed and dedicated on July 18th and 19th, 1933. It is without doubt one of, if not the finest Masonic buildings in the world. It cost many millions of dollars. There are eighteen separate lodge rooms within the building. The finishings and furnishings are the most exquisite of anything I have ever seen.

In the afternoon there was to have been the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, but the party was cancelled because of a torrential rain.

In the evening of this day the delegates visited the different private lodges. I, for example, visited Canada Lodge, and had as my seat-mate at the banquet the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett.

At the lodge meeting before the banquet a demonstration was given by the Junior Deacon, Bro. A. L. Johnson, of the second Tracing Board. It was one of the most effective pieces of work I have ever seen in a lodge room.

Canada Lodge No. 3527 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, was consecrated on Monday, June 19, 1911, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall. The lodge was founded in order to provide a Masonic centre for Canadians resident in Great Britain and brethren from the Dominion visiting the Old Country. The object of the founders was also to form a bond of union between the brethren of the Dominion and the brethren of the United Kingdom, in the strong hope and confidence that Freemasonry might still further assist in the great work of forming those bonds of indissoluble attachment which will forever unite component parts of the British Empire.

On Friday, July 21st, visitation to the Royal Masonic Institutions took place. The drive was a considerable distance in the country and rural England was at its best. The first visitation was made to the Masonic School for Girls at Rickmansworth. This school was founded in 1788 in the days of Pitt and Burke and Fox. The first location was near the present St. Pancras Station. This is a huge secondary school for girls with fine modern buildings and complete equipment, large campus and play ground, immense gymnasium and a large cathedral chapel. There were 400 girls in attendance and they put on an exhibition in physical culture, the most remarkable and impressive that I have ever witnessed. The delegates had luncheon in the dining room of the school that day.

In the afternoon visitation was made to the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys at Bushey. This school was founded in 1798, during the reign of George III. It likewise has a wonderfully fine location, large campus and play grounds, fine buildings with complete equipment, and with an attendance of between three and four hundred boys.

These are both residential schools. It costs upward of half a million dollars apiece each year in carrying on the work.

In the evening a closing banquet at the Mansion House was given by the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London. This was the most brilliant event of its kind I have ever had the privilege of witnessing or participating in. It was in the historic hall of the Mansion House with surroundings and attendance of the most impressive character. On one side of the Lord Mayor at the banqueting table on the right was His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, the Grand Master, and on the other side of his Lordship the Mayor, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Harewood, D.S.O. My seat was quite near that of the chairman.

When the delegates got back in the evening to our rooms in the Savoy Hotel, we found a nicely wrapped parcel with our name on it. The parcel contained the Masonic Year Book for 1939 and also a mahogany blotter-holder with silver handle and with the crest of the Grand Lodge of England engraved on it.

Thus ended four wonderful days of entertainment, instruction, fellowship, sight-seeing, connected with the historic installation of His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of English Masonry.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere thanks for the great privilege which has been mine in attending this remarkable Masonic Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. KERBY,

P.G.M.

The following letter was received in the Grand Lodge office from the Chairman of the Royal Masonic Hospitals Board, R. W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. Viscount Wakefield of Hythe, G.C.V.O., P.G.W.

Wakefield House,
Cheapside, London, E.C. 2,
1st July, 1940.

Dear Brother Kemmis:

Your letter of June 17th, addressed to the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, has been passed on to me. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I learn that the Grand Lodge of Alberta unanimously voted the sum of 2,500 dollars for the Royal Masonic Hospital, of which I have the honour to be Chairman. The sympathy and practical assistance of our Canadian friends is very encouraging to us in these difficult times and I do want you to know how much your kindness is appreciated by all members of the Craft in this country. I know that the Joint Honorary Secretary has written to you, but I felt that I should like to add my own personal thanks to you and to the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

(Signed) WAKEFIELD of HYTHE.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

24th. July, 1940.

Dear Sir,

The King sincerely appreciates the message of the Brethren of your Lodge, and commands me to ask you to convey to them his cordial thanks for their loyal assurances.

His Majesty greatly appreciates the generous gifts which the Lodge has made to the Dominion Government for war purposes, and to the United Grand Lodge of England for the Masonic Hospitals in this country.

Yours very truly,

A. H. J. Hardinge

The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Alberta.

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1939 AND AS INDICATED

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| 1. Alabama | 31. New Brunswick |
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| 5. Canada in Ontario | 35. New York |
| 6. Colorado | 36. New South Wales |
| 7. Delaware | 37. New Zealand (1938 & 1939) |
| 8. England | 38. North Dakota |
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| N. China, | 40. Ohio |
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| 12. Idaho | 45. Philippine Islands |
| 13. Illinois | 46. Prince Edward Island |
| 14. Indiana | 47. Quebec |
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| 17. Kansas | 50. Scotland |
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REPORT

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The Proceedings of a Grand Lodge are primarily for home consumption and nine tenths of their contents are of no immediate concern to Masons living without the particular jurisdiction. The other tenth, by and large, has been sifted by your committee and the results of its labors are now presented for your instruction.

As is to be expected, relative degrees of importance vary in the minds of the different reviewers and often matter common to several jurisdictions receives brief or extended comment depending upon the viewpoint of the individual reviewer.

It falls to the lot of the Chairman of the Committee to offer some sort of general summary of the work of his team mates and to find general trends if such are at all apparent.

As usual the traditional exhortation, "pointing with pride" and "viewing with alarm" are well to the fore, but beneath all the threadbare rhetoric there seems to be a trend and this reviewer simply labels it "unrest".

The two main pieces of evidence may be summarized in a pair of sentences torn from Grand Masters' addresses. One, we suggest, is a piously concealing statement, the other an honest expression of belief that perhaps we may have to do something about it. The statements are, on the one hand, "The spirit of Masonry cannot be abolished by edict or decree" and on the other, "Without changing the ritual or landmarks or charges we must make new and daring applications of old principles."

It would be manifestly unfair to seize upon two such statements stripped of their context and attempt to debate them "pro" and "con". It is not the business of a preface to anticipate the material of a review. Besides, we may be wrong! The brethren who read the reviews--and better still the original proceedings--must reach their own conclusions. We point to what appears to be the thin thread of common discourse in much of the speech of the learned and leave you to follow it for yourself.

In general there seems less enthusiasm about research and education, encouragement in still shrinking losses in membership and among Usonian Grand Lodges considerably less carping over the liquor laws of these United States.

Where proceedings are timely there is misgiving about the European situation and the place of Freemasonry in a world upheaval, but another year must pass ere these reviews can record the effect upon us of the present terrific and tragic events.

To the discerning the reviews are offered as a labor of love and the thanks of every Mason in this jurisdiction including those of the Chairman of this Committee are cordially extended to:

M. W. Bro. John Martland
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland
R. W. Bro. Wm. Dayman
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone
R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell
R. W. Bro. Wm. Betts
R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith
V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis
W. Bro. S. G. Bannan
Bro. Geo. B. Thorne

whose work has made this highly interesting section of our Proceedings available to you.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge serve for two years and a week or two after the last Annual Communication their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Adams, died. The sudden call was a great shock to Grand Lodge. He had been extremely active during the previous year, being particularly interested in the rehabilitation of their Grand Lodge Home.

It was a most fortunate thing that they had in their Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. E. F. Yeilding, a very capable officer who took charge of the affairs of Grand Lodge, and right well he appears to have conducted the business of looking after the interests of Masonry in Alabama. He presided at the 119th Annual Communication held in the City of Montgomery on December 5, 1939, when he was elected Grand Master.

His address to Grand Lodge shows that he faithfully endeavored to carry out the plans left unfinished on the trestle board of his Grand Master, by organizing and appointing a General Chairman and Committee to carry on the raising of funds for the Masonic Home. He named the Fund "The Samuel B. Adams Memorial Fund" and in

furtherance of the scheme paid 121 visits to lodges, travelling about 25,000 miles.

Although he is not entirely satisfied with results, because the work is not completed, he did accomplish a great deal. Many improvements have been made in repairing the present buildings, extending the accommodation so badly needed and in bringing about a revival of interest throughout his jurisdiction in their benevolent work. The objective he is working towards is the raising of \$100,000.00 and as the money comes in they are proceeding with the improvements.

The regular work of Grand Lodge was carefully attended to, many matters being dealt with. Among his dispensations and recommendations which were approved by Grand Lodge a few might be noted:

Four lodges having forfeited their charters because of failure to make reports and pay Grand Lodge dues, he recommended the charters be restored as they had made proper report and paid their dues, but only on condition that they had also paid the 1939 dues.

Six lodges have lost their charters, three by "misplacement", two by fire and one was stolen. The last is rather remarkable for one would imagine it would be valueless to any thief and it is also strange that lodges could lose their charters by misplacement. However, they were given dispensations to carry on, the Grand Master recommending that those who had lost by fire, would only be charged \$1.00 for new charters, while the others had to pay the full price of \$5.00, which was only just.

Alabama apparently has very liberal views with regard to applicants with physical disability, several dispensations having been granted in such cases. Two, if not three, of these would have had difficulty in being accepted in many other jurisdictions, including Alberta, where we feel we are quite liberal in our views too.

The report of the Committee on his address states that it is concrete evidence of the fact that his time, his talents and efforts were sincerely devoted to the best interests of the Masons in Alabama and added, "The path leading to the office of Grand Master is lengthy and beset with watchfulness on the part of the Craft of him who traverses it, before and after he reaches the goal. He has discharged the trust in a manner which has won for him the admiration of all our members."

J. H. W. S. K.

ARIZONA

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, was held in the Masonic Temple, Douglas, Arizona, March 29th and 30th, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Quintus J. Anderson, presiding.

The Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Mayor of the City of Douglas, Bro. Lynn J. Tuttle. All 39 lodges of the Jurisdiction were

reported as represented. The representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta does not seem to have been present.

From the address of the Grand Master we cull the following optimistic extracts:

"It is surprising that there is so little to complain about. Thus proving that the lodges are in the hands of competent and faithful officers."

"Throughout the Jurisdiction I found a very healthy condition in our lodges as to finances and membership. Attendance has increased, many of the lodges taking advantage of the services of our Educational Committee. Interest has been re-awakened in our great Fraternity, especially in our smaller lodges, and generally speaking Masonry in Arizona is decidedly on the upgrade."

One interesting event during the year was a Past Grand Master's night held by Arizona Lodge No. 2, with the Grand Master presiding. All the stations and places with the exception of the Tyler were filled by Past Grand Masters. A surprising comment is that the lodge was opened and closed without a hitch.

From the report of the Grand Secretary the following financial items are of interest:

"At the end of 1936 there were on the subordinate lodge books \$11,285.75 delinquent dues, and at the end of 1938 it was \$8,519.50.

"The net worth of the lodges has increased from \$285,636.55 in 1936 to \$344,436.60 in 1938."

One fifty-year button was presented during the year to Bro. Christian O. Anderson of Willcox No. 10.

The brethren of Arizona seem to be handicapped by the lack of a permanent home for their Grand Lodge headquarters. However, a proposal to purchase the Phoenix Masonic Temple for this purpose was not approved by the Grand Lodge owing to the financial problem involved.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Frederic A. Shaffer, delivered a fine address on the subject, "Masonry and Democracy." It deals in the main with conditions in the United States and hence does not lend itself to quotation, but is well worth perusal by any interested brother.

Under the heading, "Correspondence", an interesting question is propounded. It is suggested that inasmuch as the reviews of the Proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions are read by very few it possibly is not worth while to incur the effort and expense of preparing and printing them. Apparently no action resulted from this suggestion, and certainly there is a very fine collection of reviews included in the Proceedings. Among them is an appreciative and sympathetic review of Alberta Proceedings contributed by Bro. Alexander MacDonald.

One interesting bit of information included in the Proceedings is a Masonic calendar. Your reviewer is sure that many brethren would be interested. It is to be found on page 139 of the Arizona Proceedings.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona will be holden in the City of Prescott, Arizona, commencing on Wednesday, the 3rd of April, 1940, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Lodges, 39. Membership, 5,477. Decrease, 103.

Grand Master—Gurdon M. Butler, University Postoffice Station, Tucson, Arizona.

Grand Secretary—Harry A. Drachman. Box 229, Tucson, Arizona.

A.E.O.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the City of Victoria on the 22nd day of June, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. M. Kingston, on the Throne.

Twelve of the eighteen Past Grand Masters were present. We note that W. Bro. W. J. H. Greer, Alberta's Grand Representative, was absent, which we learn was due to an illness that has since proved fatal.

During the last year two Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. James H. Schofield and M. W. Bro. John M. Rudd, passed to their reward. At the time the writer was made a Mason in Nelson he knew Bro. Schofield very well.

The Distinguished Party from England, Ireland and Scotland was entertained by Grand Lodge at Vancouver by an informal luncheon, a drive around the park and a formal dinner in the evening. Later the party took the midnight boat to Victoria where they were the guests at Government House. Hon. Eric Hamber and Mrs. Hamber entertained very graciously.

The Grand Master notes the death of W. Bro. Russell McEwan of Nelson Lodge No. 23. The Reviewer who was a visitor to British Columbia in 1938 has happy memories of the entertainment provided by Bro. McEwan and the members of Nelson Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Kingston accompanied by Past Grand Master Frank J. Burd visited Halifax in connection with the Two Hundred Years celebration of Masonry in Canada.

The Grand Master was present at the opening of the New Temple in Creston. The writer who was formerly a member of Nelson Lodge assisted in the Institution of Creston Lodge about the year 1904.

The Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee, attended the Annual International Night of Lafayette Lodge in Seattle when the Grand Officers of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California were entertained. Later the Masters and Past Masters of Greater Vancouver entertained the same Grand Officers at a banquet in the Georgia Hotel, Vancouver. Several

other International nights were held by the brethren of British Columbia and Washington Lodges.

Referring to the visit of the King and Queen, we excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"I believe no event of the year compares in interest and importance to Freemasons and to the whole body of Canadian citizenship with the visit to Canada of Their Gracious Majesties, our beloved King George VI and our equally beloved Queen Elizabeth. Whatever the Royal tour was intended to accomplish, one result seems already assured. It has united Canadians as they perhaps have not been united for a generation. It will knit the Empire more closely together in a common purpose. It is as if our Dominion, the senior partner in the Great British Family of Nations, had found her soul. Canada will assume her proper place in the Family and help demonstrate to the Nations within and without the Commonwealth that the Throne and the Empire constitute the highest example of Liberty and Justice the world has known."

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Dr. G. A. B. Hall, made a report of his activities throughout the year. He represented the Grand Master at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

The Grand Secretary reports the amalgamation of the lodges at New Denver and Sandon. This appears a move in the right direction.

The report of the Grand Historian, M. W. Bro. Robie L. Reid, is most interesting and shows that this officer is doing efficient work not only for the present members but for generations to come. Included in his report is the life story of M. W. Bro. John S. Clute, one of the early Past Grand Masters. M. W. Bro. Frank Burd writes a sketch of the life of the late M. W. Bro. John Rudd. There is also included a history of King Edward Lodge at Phoenix. This is a history not only of Phoenix Lodge but of the early days of Southern British Columbia when we lived there.

Alberta was generously and courteously reviewed by R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith.

M. W. Bro. Dr. G. A. B. Hall—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee—Grand Secretary.

118 Lodges. Membership, 13,565. Decrease, 64.

M.M.D.

CALIFORNIA

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the jurisdiction of California met in Annual Communication on Tuesday, October 10th, 1939, in the City of San Francisco, with M. W. Bro. Leon O. Whitsell, Grand Master, presiding.

Among the distinguished visitors present were the Grand Masters of Oregon, Colombia, Nevada. Our own Grand Tyler, R. W. Bro. Fielding, was also recorded as being among those present.

As is usual the Grand Master's address is a statement of his stewardship and he is pleased to report that Masonry is definitely on the up-grade, there being a healthy feeling of optimism and enthusiasm manifest in practically every district. Good Citizenship Meetings were held in the month of September in many lodges to commemorate the signing of the Constitution of the United States and to awaken the patriotic conscience of the members of the Fraternity. Recommendation that a Lodge of Research be established in California is suggested in the Address. The need for a Service Committee in each lodge patterned, along the lines of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is stressed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer has a very pertinent paragraph in his report on the question of attendance at Masonic Funerals. "To the bereaved relatives and friends this lack of attendance on the part of lodge members must have left an impression that Masonry is either indifferent or that we fail to practise that fine spirit of brotherly love for which we are so well known and upon which we rightly pride ourselves."

The Committee on Education reports that the manual prepared for the instruction of candidates has proved beneficial and met with the commendation of the lodges, some five thousand copies of the book having been distributed.

A unique feature of these Proceedings is the report of the Committee on Clandestine Masonry, which tells of the work of the Negro Masonic lodges of the Filipino and Mexican Grand Lodges. This is a very informative report and while it is not customary for us to recognise such organizations yet it augurs well for Masonry that it can keep an eye on the operations of those who ordinarily cannot find entrance into our own lodges.

The report of the Committee on Finance presented a budget for an expenditure of some one hundred thousand dollars which does not include the operations of the two Homes maintained by California, and gives some indication of the work attempted by this Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is signed by Bro. Jesse M. Whited, the Chairman, who is assisted by a Committee of six other brethren. The report proper takes the form of a topical review and some times we wonder what analogy there can be between the heading and the substance. For information purposes we would like to quote the following as showing that Masonry is not nearly as selfish an organization as some of our critics would suggest.

"Remarkable though it seems, the average yearly contribution made by each Master Mason to his Grand Lodge is only \$1.92 (ninety cents the smallest, four dollars and a half the largest) and nearly four-fifths of this is spent in Charity."

M. W. Grand Master—William B. Ogden, Los Angeles.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John Whicher, San Francisco.

W.I.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was held in the City of Toronto, 19th and 20th of July, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop on the Throne.

Four Past Grand Masters were in attendance. We noted the absence of Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. T. A. Carson.

Bro. Ralph Day, Mayor of Toronto, welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to his city. We excerpt from his address:

"While we may mourn the passing of Masonic Lodges in certain dictatorial countries, and sympathize with our brethren who are prevented from enjoying the brotherly intercourse available to us, we know that this is but a passing phase, as Masonry, founded as it is in antiquity and with its age-old traditions, will remain strongly entrenched with fidelity. Thus will it weather, as it has in the past, all trials, and continue through the ages as an immutable force for good."

The Grand Master in speaking of the visit of Their Majesties says:

"Some of our brethren have asked, during recent months, whether our Grand Lodge should take some part, as an organization, in welcoming Their Majesties to Canadian soil. The officers of one Canadian Grand Lodge forwarded to the Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, who was with us at our Annual Communication last year, an enquiry on this point and a request for advice. He replied that he had consulted the highest authorities in England and had been given definite information to the effect that official action by any Grand Lodge or by any section of Canadian Masonry would not be in order on the occasion of the Royal visit. Masons are such loyal subjects that they readily comply when a suggestion of this kind is made."

This appears to answer the question which so many of our Alberta brethren asked.

M. W. Bro. R. B. Dargavel and M. W. Bro. F. A. Copus were in England attending the installation of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

We in Alberta remember so well the visit of M. W. Bro. Dunlop to our Province, and we excerpt from his address:

"Last year the long trip was to the East; this year to the West. In East and in West the Masonic spirit is the same and the twain are always willing to meet. Certainly, there is no lack of unity among the Grand Lodges of Canada. Mutual respect, admiration, and confidence characterize the attitude of each to all and of all to each. Perhaps it is at this point that I should announce to you that, on June 15th, I was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and, a week later, was elected to the same position in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, honours and distinctions which I highly prize.

"True it is that I have travelled much and it is equally true that I have learned much by observation and in conversation with officers of other Grand Lodges. If it be a fact, and it is, that a man's greatest

asset consists in the friends he has made, I have, through the kindness of my brethren, become wealthy; for I am proud to think that I have acquired many good friends. If we encourage our lodges to interchange visits and if we commend, as we do, intervisiting between lodges on opposite sides of the international border, it follows that we should foster fraternal visiting between Grand Lodges."

The Grand Master in speaking of D.D.G.M.'s says:

"As personal representative of the Grand Master, the ruler of the Craft in each District will be careful to see that the entertainment during the refreshment hour is wholesome and clean. Occasionally a Master becomes unwisely over-enthusiastic, thinks he has an original idea, and arranges for a type of pseudo-entertainment which is not in keeping with the dignity of Masonry. Again, there is rarely any excuse for prolonging any meeting to a late hour. A Master, who opens his lodge punctually and who does not waste time nor allow others to do so, can be strong enough to carry all arrangements through to a happy conclusion and to please his brethren by dismissing them at an early hour. Nor is it necessary to eliminate any part of any degree in order to do this."

The Grand Master laid the Corner Stone of College Avenue Public School at Trenton.

M. W. Bro. Dunlop ruled: "That when a group of Masons arranges to visit outside our Grand Jurisdiction for the purpose of exemplifying a degree, the leader or the secretary of the group must write to our Grand Secretary outlining in full the procedure contemplated and requesting him to obtain, for the proposed visit, the permission of our Grand Master as well as that of the Grand Master in whose Jurisdiction the group wishes to visit." We concur in this.

From the Report of the Committee on Benevolence we excerpt:

"Your Committee, however, feel that Grand Lodge does not expect us to make grants to applicants, who have near relatives who are financially able to provide and who have a greater responsibility than our fraternity. We, therefore, desire to indicate that the Committee is not favourable to applications for assistance when sons and daughters are able financially to provide for their parents."

R. W. Bro. H. J. Alexander in his report on the condition of Masonry has some interesting remarks to make. How will the following affect our Alberta brethren? "We may belong to the old school of thought, but we deplore the modern tendency, already creeping into some of our lodges, of the officers dispensing with proper Masonic titles and addressing each other as 'Bill' or 'Brother Bill' or 'Worshipful Brother Bill'. Your Committee are not slaves to formality but we submit that such terms are not in keeping with the dignity of our institution. Then, too, such expressions as 'Okay', 'church parades', 'degree teams', 'side benchers', are rather jarring to one's sensibilities and might well be omitted from our Masonic vocabulary. When and where the term 'Ruling Master' originated, we do not know. At any rate we fail to find it in the Constitution, but surely the climax in this regard has been reached when we hear the Worshipful Master referred to as the 'Sitting Master'. Perhaps the only justification for this latter term lies in the fact that some Worshipful Masters remain 'sitting' when the lodge has been raised to receive distinguished visitors.

Have we not been embarrassed and even at times humiliated in witnessing Worshipful Masters remaining seated when receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master?"

R. W. Bro. W. H. Gregory, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, presents a report worth reading.

M. W. Bro. W. N. Ponton writes a splendid review. None better. He opens his Foreword with:

"Again we turn the page—another year
Lies spotless and untouched before your eyes;
O let us mar it not, but through the days
May kindness and love and peace our lives comprise
New opportunities are ours' And may we prove
To be God's children truly, thus to see
In faithfulness of word and thought and deed,
What His ideal of fellowship can be."

He very generously reviews Alberta and quotes freely from M. W. Bro. Hartman's address.

M. W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon—Grand Secretary.

569 Lodges. Membership, 95,462. Decrease, 1,696.

M.M.D.

COLORADO

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication was held at Denver September 19th and 20th, 1939, with M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Nelson, Grand Master, presiding.

W. Bro. John H. Beatty of Monte Vista, Alberta's representative, was not in attendance. Ten distinguished visitors graced with their presence this communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. In the list we note the names of the Grand Masters of Kansas and Oklahoma, Past Grand Masters of Kansas, Wyoming and Oklahoma, one Deputy Grand Master, one Sovereign Grand Inspector General, one Grand High Priest, a Grand Tyler and a Grand Master of the Grand Council.

The Grand Master's address is a business documentation of his official acts during the year, and from it one gleans that dual membership is not permitted in Colorado; that the system of Masonic Clubs for the presentation of degrees by spectacular teams is not practised; that the custom of presenting a volume of a specific Masonic work by Grand Lodge to every newly raised Mason has been discontinued and that the Masonic Educational Committee finds that a considerable number of lodges make no use of the material so laboriously prepared by the committee. "Colorado would appear to be one of a goodly company in this respect." The Grand Master also finds that officers of subordinate lodges would not have to correspond so often with Grand Lodge if they would only familiarize themselves with the contents of the book of Constitution.

We also note that discussion on automatic suspension of members when two years in arrears of dues was again laid over for another year.

Thirty-seven brethren have been presented with the fifty-year button during the past year.

By a system of joint meetings the Grand Master was able to cut his number of visits to lodges to ninety-four and speak to some one hundred and twenty-nine lodges. In addition he visited four sister Grand Jurisdictions and on February 1st he attended the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington. Judging from the headings of the subjects there discussed such conferences of Grand Masters are necessary in these changing times.

From the Grand Lecturer's report we notice a decided change has occurred in the affairs of a unique lodge in this jurisdiction, Corinthian Lodge No. 42 at Komoka, which meets at an altitude of 10,000 feet and has had only three resident members and a total membership of 13 for years. It is evidently situated in the relics of a once prosperous mining district, which is again coming to life owing, we suspect, to war conditions, for it has taken in eleven members this past year.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education, though covering but a page and a half of the Proceedings, and partaking somewhat of oratory, is worth further study in these perilous times. Here are two samples of the material it contains: "Two of the deadliest foes of self-government are ignorance and immorality, and only a well balanced intelligence and a firm morality, deep rooted in a religious conviction, can successfully combat them. That is what Masonry has always taught and we hope will continue to teach to its votaries."

"The records of Ancient Freemasonry show that it was by education and an encouragement in the seven liberal Arts and Sciences that our ancient brethren were able to weld into one coherent whole a miscellaneous body of humble workmen, who, practising a beautiful and exalted operative science, were thus changed from a collection of potentialities to a body of realities, whom we are proud to proclaim as the progenitors of a majestic and sublime speculative Art."

From the Grand Secretary's report we note a drop in membership of 203, the total at present stands at 29,434 and the number of lodges at 147.

This Grand Lodge last year published its last detailed reviews of Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions, and the committee has this year made a broad survey of World Masonry under such headings as "World Masonry", "Scandinavia", "Asia", "Java", "Egypt", "England", "Canada", "Australia", "Latin America", "Switzerland", "Holland", and so on. It is a report complete in itself and should be made use of in lodges for the information of the brethren at large. This reviewer will certainly present it at the next communication of his lodge.

M. W. Grand Master—Thomas H. Cox, Olathe.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles A. Patton, P.G.M., Denver.

W.B.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge met in Wilmington on October 4, 1939, with M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Vandegrift, Grand Master, presiding.

No less than sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, Alberta being represented by M. W. Bro. G. T. Macklin. Several of the neighboring Grand Lodges sent deputations of their Grand Officers who were received with honors.

The Grand Master, in his address, has probably the most complete account of his visit to the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent as Grand Master, of any of the delegates, in addition to which the full official account of the ceremonies is printed in the Proceedings. He was immensely impressed with the ceremonies that took place, but even more so by the kindly attention shown the visitors in every way from the time of their arrival in London until their departure. He said, "It was one of the greatest Masonic events in the history of the world. 'To know one is to love one', and while my regard for my English brethren is always great, I learned to appreciate through my visit to them a finer conception of what Masonry is and the possibilities it has through its high ideals of creating a better understanding among the nations of the world.'

The Grand Master mentioned that new aprons for Grand Officers had been procured and they were apparently in line with the square cut aprons now generally worn. He recommended that members of the Grand Staff be allowed to keep the old aprons, but the Grand Master's apron was being turned over to the Committee of History and Research in order that it may be put in the case with other Masonic records and regalia. He thought that this apron, which had been worn by successive Grand Masters for many years, would be of interest because of its rounded corners and ornamentation.

R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, Grand Secretary for twenty years, asked to be relieved of his office owing to advancing years. He had served longer than any previous Grand Secretary and will be greatly missed, not only by Grand Officers but by all the members of the Craft in Delaware, and many in other Grand Jurisdictions.

A history of their Masonic Home is included in the Proceedings. The idea of establishing such a Home got under way during the year 1910, when the members of a lodge met for the purpose of discussing ways and means, as far as their lodge was concerned. During the evening a collection was taken which totalled \$3.60, \$3.00 of which was deposited in a Savings Account and the change, consisting of 32 coins, was put in a frame in the form of a triangle and is now on display at the Home. Apparently from this start the present Home has been developed, the assets of which at the present time amount to nearly \$319,000.00. They have 34 guests and the property is maintained in excellent condition.

The Fraternal Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Thos. J. Day, P.G.M., who for many years served as Chairman. We regret to note that he was recently taken ill and the reviews had to be completed by W. Bro. Frank S. Craig. We trust he will make a good recovery.

Apparently our Proceedings for 1938 were not received, at least not in time to be reviewed.

J.H.W.S.K.

ENGLAND

Four quarterly, one Annual Grand Festival and one Especial Grand Lodge were held in 1939.

It is interesting to note the names of the members of the English delegation who visited us in 1938 appear as regular attendants at Grand Lodge and that one of them, W. Bro. Major R. L. Loyd, P.D. G.D.C., was appointed to the Board of General Purposes.

At the March communication R. W. Bro. H. R. H. The Duke of Kent was unanimously elected M. W. Grand Master and an Appreciation in the form of an Address was ordered prepared and presented to M. W. Bro. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, who for 38 years so ably filled the office.

The Board of General Purposes presented a table showing the number of lodges under the English Constitution for the past ten years. In 1929 there were 4,462 lodges, in 1938 5,060—an increase of 608 lodges. No other Grand Lodge can make a similar showing.

The Board had to draw attention to the settled principle that matters of a political nature or of state policy cannot be introduced either directly or indirectly into Freemasonry. The President also warned members against circularizing their own or other lodges for the purpose of obtaining money for non-Masonic causes in which they may be interested.

Attendance at this communication was 2,212.

The Annual Grand Festival was held on the 26th of April, and Grand Lodge did not forget their former Grand Master. A telegram of congratulations was ordered sent to H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught for his birthday, May 1st, a custom that has been regularly carried out for 38 years. The Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood and the other Grand Officers were appointed and proclaimed. The attendance was 1,941.

At the Quarterly Communication of June 7th, the attendance was 1,571. The Board of General Purposes reported that the Committee for the Revision of the Constitution had completed their labors and presented the result of their work to the Board, who had approved of the new book and recommended its adoption. It was then presented to Grand Lodge with a statement showing all changes in principle which had been made and also several of the amendments and new rules were read and explained. A new clause, for which notice of motion was given, was unanimously adopted, to the effect that a person who has been in any way connected with quasi-Masonic imitations of Masonry or irregular or incompatible with the Craft is not eligible for initiation except by permission of the Grand Master, and a brother who subsequent to his initiation becomes connected in any way with such an organization is liable to suspension or expulsion.

The Grand Lodge of England is still issuing charters for new lodges, no less than sixteen having been issued since the March quarterly, all of them in England and Wales.

The Especial Grand Lodge held on July 19th for the installation of the M. W. the Grand Master, was a very remarkable communication.

It was held in the largest hall available in London, Olympia, and 12,003 brethren, including distinguished visitors were present, while more than twice as many were unable to obtain admittance. Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Dr. George W. Kerby, P.G.M. It was probably the most distinguished gathering of Masons, prominent not only in their own Jurisdictions but also in the national life of their countries, and hardly a recognised Grand Lodge in the world was without representation.

The entire proceedings were conducted with the greatest dignity and precision, but undoubtedly the high light of the communication was the announcement: "His Majesty the King, Past Grand Master, has arrived and desires to be admitted", for it was not generally known that His Majesty intended, as P.G.M., to install his brother H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master.

A full account of the Ceremony will be found in the report of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby, our representative at this Installation, which appears elsewhere in these Proceedings.

The Quarterly Communication of September was held on September 6th, only two days after the declaration of war, and was probably the smallest ever held, as only twenty-one Grand Officers and four Past Masters of lodges were present. The proceedings were under the direction of the R. W. Assistant Grand Master, who briefly stated that they were meeting in the most unprecedented circumstances in the history of the Craft. He referred to a circular being sent out to all lodges requiring the temporary suspension of all Masonic meetings, but hoped that at an early date meetings would be permitted again, saying, "We know that Masonry plays a great part in the lives of many of the people of this country and it would be hard if brethren were deprived of this means of association and mutual support, which is of special value in times of national stress."

In view of the emergency of the time, Grand Lodge directed that a special committee, consisting of four, two to form a quorum, shall act as and for the Board of Benevolence in dealing with petitions to the Board, with power to make grants at their discretion, the attendance of the other members of the Board and of all Petitioners, Visiting Brethren and supporters of petitions being prohibited unless expressly summoned to attend, showing the great necessity of preventing large gatherings in any one place, owing to the imminent danger of attack by the enemy; but demonstrating the anxiety of our English brethren to avoid creating any hardship that a worthy petitioner might otherwise undergo if all meetings of the Board were prohibited.

The Board of General Purposes considered a circular letter addressed by a Past Grand Master to a number of brethren, soliciting their support for a certain candidate for a Civic appointment. The Board unanimously regarded this circular as most reprehensible; the writer was so informed and gave an undertaking that the offence would not be repeated.

Again, there is a long list of new lodges since the last quarterly communication.

At the December quarterly the death of H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, a sister of the Duke of Connaught, was brought to the attention of Grand Lodge and a message of sympathy was

sent to him. It was also reported that the M. W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, attended the St. Andrew's Day meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at Edinburgh, when Honorary Membership in that Grand Lodge was conferred on him.

The Board of General Purposes reported that a circular had been issued permitting the resumption of meetings. It was pointed out that it was not intended that a Master should close down his lodge indefinitely. It is his duty to review the position from time to time and where it is impossible to hold a particular meeting, that meeting should be cancelled. It must be understood that he should exercise that discretion in a reasonable manner, taking council with the members of his lodge who are qualified to advise him.

The revision of the Book of Constitution was again taken up and was the subject of an interesting debate, especially on the clause regarding brethren of enemy nationality and birth, with the result that the matter was referred back to the Board of General Purposes for redrafting. The attendance was 1,105.

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGES—ENGLISH REGISTER NORTHERN CHINA

Minutes of Regular Meetings held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on March 22, 1939, and in the Masonic Temple, Tientsin, on October 21st, 1939, are here reviewed.

There are eleven lodges in the District, one of which, "Tuscan Lodge No. 1027", celebrated its 75th anniversary during the year.

There were present at both meetings representatives of the District Grand Lodges of Ireland, Scotland, Massachusetts and the Philippine Islands. Reference is made to the celebration of the 75th anniversaries of lodges under the Scottish and Massachusetts Constitutions.

Another matter of special interest is the announcement of the investiture of the District Grand Master of the Philippine Islands, R. W. Bro. David Wei Kwok Au. This was performed by the District Grand Master under the English Constitution at the request of the Grand Master of the Philippine Islands.

The question of the admission to lodges of brethren and visitors of enemy nationality was considered and it was decided to await instructions from London; but it was declared that until Grand Lodge rules to the contrary no obligation rests on Masters of lodges to refuse such admission.

Lodges in this District meet under strenuous conditions owing to the Japanese invasion. Mention is made of a lodge in Hankow carrying to completion the raising of a brother under bombing and anti-aircraft fire, and of one lodge, "Far Cathay", evidently located inland, having had an average attendance of 85 per cent of its membership under these extreme conditions.

It is noted with sorrow that owing to the suppression of the Grand Lodge of Vienna by the Nazi Powers, that Lodge "Lux Orientes", under that jurisdiction had to close down for the time being.

Instructed by the Grand Lodge of England, the District Grand Master ruled that "unattached" Masons be only permitted one visit to a lodge.

The Spirit of Masonry is very strong in the District as is evidenced by the harmonious relations existing between the various jurisdictions and the strong financial support given to various charitable objects.

SOUTH AFRICA—CENTRAL DIVISION

Proceedings reviewed are those of the Forty-third Annual Communication held at Kimberley, April 19th, 1939. There are fourteen lodges in the District of whom eleven were represented at the meeting, the remainder sending apologies for absence. Non-representation on the part of lodges or of District Officers renders them subject to fine.

Among the visitors was V. W. Bro. A. Peet, representing the District Grand Lodge under the Netherlands jurisdiction.

In this District the matter of the education of the individual is receiving serious attention, and each month four leaflets on Masonic subjects are sent to each lodge in which they are first read and then circulated. One of these sets is included with the Proceedings, and they justify the favourable comment received from the District Grand Master as well as from other parts of the world.

The total income of the Benevolent Funds for the year was some £565. Of this amount £172 is voluntary donations.

JAMAICA

The report considered is that of the half yearly communication held on July 27th, 1939, at Kingston. There are thirteen lodges in the District, of whom ten were represented. There were also present as visitors the District Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution, and the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of "South Carolina" Lodge under the Irish Register.

In this, as in all other Districts of the Grand Lodge of England, notifications of the Proceedings of the parent body in London were received and discussed; in particular they were of course advised of changes in the Constitution. Particular attention was drawn by way of recommendation to the necessity for care in the discussion of Masonic matters in public and of the admission of Visitors.

The reports all contain accounts of the resignation of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught from the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and of the appointment and installation of his successor, The Duke of Kent.

In all cases the pronouncement of the Grand Lodge of England on the "Aims and Relationships of the Craft" were included in the minutes, and the attention of Masons all over the world could well be directed as a matter of education to this pronouncement.

W.R.D.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Communication was held at Jacksonville on April 18th, 19th and 20th, 1939.

M. W. Bro. George Fish, Grand Master presided. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master was able to report a slight gain in membership, the first since 1927. During the year he had personally conducted burial services for two Past Grand Masters, the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Tyler Emeritus.

The Masonic Home at St. Petersburg was one of the major problems of the Grand Lodge—92 children and 38 aged people were being cared for. A booklet descriptive of the work of the institution was incorporated in the Grand Master's address and the Proceedings.

Like his predecessor, Grand Master Fish had trouble with organizations based on Masonic membership. So serious did this situation become that the Grand Master issued an edict ordering all such bodies to cease meeting. His action was approved by Grand Lodge.

In declining to grant a dispensation to a lodge to install its officers on December 26th, the Grand Master, considered that the Constitution prohibited any installations prior to December 27th.

The charter of a lodge was arrested because they ignored the Grand Master's ruling that they could not proceed with the building of a temple. The ruling was upheld by Grand Lodge but the charter was restored.

A lodge which had been in the habit of holding a joint installation with the Eastern Star was informed that the Grand Master was not in accord with this practice.

Politics were a sore spot in the Jurisdiction. Political office-seekers were using their Masonic connection to get them votes. The Grand Master recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence try to draft some regulation that would "tend to put the soft pedal on it."

On the subject of Masonic funerals: ". . . when Masonry is to have charge of a burial ceremony no one but Masons including pall-bearers can participate and there must not be any other ceremony, other than the religious ceremony, nor should there be any organization or profanes in the Masonic procession. Other organizations and profanes may follow the procession and gather around the grave, but taking no part in the ceremony."

The Emeritus List of members excused from paying dues, was causing trouble. The Grand Master considered it was being handled "in a very loose manner, there being unquestionably large numbers on the list that should not be there." The non-paying members of the Grand Jurisdiction totalled 8 per cent of the membership and the Grand Master considered that more than 50 per cent of them were more able to pay dues than some of those who do pay. He had definite information that some members were placed on the Emeritus List because it was hard to collect dues from them, and they were amply able to pay.

Twelve certificates of fifty year membership had been issued during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the usual review of proceedings be inserted in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommended that the Foreign Correspondence report in the 1938 Proceedings be expunged from the record and that the compilation and printing of the usual reviews of foreign Grand Jurisdictions be discontinued for the present. No review appears in this year's Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge approved the report of the Committee on Dispensations which recommended the granting of a charter to a lodge which came into existence on January 23rd, 1939, i.e., less than three months from its institution.

The first and third degrees were conferred by the Grand Lodge Committee on Work under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

The members of Grand Lodge were entertained on the evening of the first day's sessions by the members of Morocco Shrine Temple, Jacksonville, and a resolution of thanks was placed on the record.

It was decided that in the event of the death of P.G.M. Bro. W. R. Cheves, his widow would receive from Grand Lodge during her life an amount equal to his annual compensation as Chairman Emeritus of the Committee on Work.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Ray was made Grand Treasurer Emeritus at his present rate of compensation for life.

In listing the addresses of Grand Lodges and Secretaries, Alberta appears under the heading "British Colonies". Other names in the same category are: Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland—so we're in good company. The Australian Grand Lodges are listed under Australia and include New Zealand.

Lodges, 223. Membership, 19,852. Gain, 4.

M. W. Grand Master—Ralph J. Kishpaugh, West Palm Beach.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Huff, Jacksonville.

F.P.G.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Communication was held in Macon, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Sapp, presiding.

Grand Lodge was opened with the usual formalities, followed by a flag ceremony in which the flag of the United States and the flag of the State of Georgia were escorted into the lodge room and received in an impressive manner, the oath of allegiance being repeated by the entire assembly.

Alberta's representative was not present.

The Grand Master's Address contained a long list of his visits to lodges and other Masonic occasions, and he must have been busy during his year of office.

In this Grand Lodge resolutions are introduced as "Bills" and referred to by number. For instance, Bill No. 2 is an "act" to amend the Masonic Manual and Code. This was an amendment to allow exemption from Grand Lodge dues to Masons over sixty years of age (instead of seventy), providing they had been contributing members for a period of twenty years, which Grand Lodge rejected. Apparently this clause only applies to Grand Lodge dues, the members still being liable to the subordinate lodge for dues to it.

Bill No. 3 was interesting in that it referred to the return of the original charter to Magnolia Lodge No. 86. The committee reported favorably and were sustained by Grand Lodge, which was followed by a resolution signed by four P.M.'s of the lodge, setting out that Magnolia Lodge No. 86 had been in existence for ninety years, having been chartered in the year 1849. During the year 1895-6 the original charter of this lodge was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Georgia voluntarily by the lodge in order that pending its holding certain difficulties that had arisen in the lodge could be conciliated. Such difficulties were overcome and a new charter with the same name and number was issued in 1897, under which the lodge has since worked. Now Magnolia Lodge is approaching its centennial and therefore requested the return of the original charter, which was granted.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is of interest in that it shows how necessary it is that proposals, whether in the form of bills or resolutions, be carefully looked into before a decision is made by Grand Lodge. In this report, of six such proposals only two received the committee's approval, and their report was adopted by Grand Lodge. The committee's sound opinion regarding the four that were rejected no doubt has saved Grand Lodge much trouble.

A strongly worded resolution proposed by a lodge was to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Georgia memorialize the Members of the Senate and Congress to do everything possible to keep the nation from being drawn into the conflict which threatens to engulf the civilized world, and referred to George Washington's counsel "Beware of foreign entanglements". This resolution was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on General Welfare amongst other things mentions "The Masonic Messenger" published under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, copies of which come regularly to the office of our Grand Lodge and are much appreciated.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Daniel Alberta for 1939 is reviewed and receives generous and fraternal consideration. He quotes M. W. Bro. West and has a pleasant and encouraging word for M. W. Bro. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, and its other members, which is much appreciated.

J.H.W.S.K.

IDAHO

The Seventy-third Annual Communication was convened in the Masonic Temple at Twin Falls on September 12th, 1939, and continued in session until September 14th. M. W. Bro. Clyde I. Rush, Grand Master, presided.

Greetings were extended from the Grand Jurisdictions of Oregon and Oklahoma and distinguished visitors from Montana, Colorado, Utah, Oregon and Idaho were welcomed by the Grand Master. The number of bouquets presented by Masonic Bodies made evident the kindly fraternal feelings throughout the state.

Respectful and loving note was made of the loss by death of M. W. Bro. Jeremiah W. Robinson, P.G.M., the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Relief Fund.

The importance of the exchange of Grand Representatives was brought to the notice of Grand Lodge in the following words: "In these days of world-wide uncertainty and confusion, there is no doubt that the Masonic influence has been and will continue to be, with due justification, a stabilizing factor, and while not asserting itself in boisterous and violent manner, does exert among mankind a favorable influence that has a deeper significance than appears readily on the surface of the world's affairs. . . . It is to be regretted in one sense that geographical distance does not permit all Masons to become personally acquainted one with his brothers in all parts of the Globe for the mutual benefit to all of such acquaintances, where differences could be overlooked in terms of color, creed and language, but the next best means of acquaintanceship seems to be through correspondence and exchanges of representatives between the several Jurisdictions."

Alberta follows the custom of this Grand Jurisdiction in the matter of District Meetings and attendance of the Grand Master at each, but we have not yet given our Grand Master the prerogative of appointing his own District Deputies as our sister Jurisdiction has done.

Brethren who had been Masons for fifty years were especially greeted by the Grand Master, and grateful tribute paid for their part in making this world a better place in which to live.

We note that in this Jurisdiction the fee for the three degrees may be divided into payments made prior to receiving each degree, instead of the custom of Alberta, that the fee accompanies the application. The Grand Master approved a request for a lodge to make a by-law eliminating the stated meetings of July and August.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution are submitted to each lodge for consideration and action. To ratify a proposed constitutional amendment requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of all lodges.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education indicates that much attention is given this subject. The point was stressed that leaders must exercise patience and take a long range view of the matter. It was felt to be more important to awaken an interest in Masonic subjects in the minds of Masons than to tell them of the history or the teachings or philosophy of Masonry. Where once a

man's interest is aroused, he will find a way to satisfy his curiosity. The committee were convinced that effort spent on the new member brings the greatest return in the long run. It is then that interest is keenest and the mind most receptive. "Seize the moment of excited curiosity for the acquisition of valuable knowledge."

The address of the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge, W. Bro. Marcus J. Ware, has been read with interest. We still feel that Freemasonry should find expression in the every day lives of its members and believe the objective of Freemasonry is to teach a correct way of living. Masonry is a builder of character. We fear the introduction of social, economic and political programs into our lodges or the Institution.

Reports indicate a year of harmony and progress.

Lodges, 81. Membership, 8,862. Loss, 55.

Grand Master--W. Wade.

Grand Secretary--Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

C.C.H.

ILLINOIS

One Hundredth Annual Communication held in the City of Chicago, October 10th, 1939. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Everett L. Lawrence.

In opening his address the Grand Master naturally and with quiet pride calls attention to the centenary of his Grand Lodge. "A trust, carefully nurtured", he says, "finds the need and the opportunity for larger fields of usefulness" and in remarking that Illinois growing from six lodges with 127 Masons to 994 lodges with 197,623 members, proves that the trust has been carefully nurtured. Suitable centennial anniversary exercises are to be held in the next year which, no doubt, will be duly reported.

Freemasonry in Illinois is reported as being in a healthy condition and peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master recommends legislation permitting his Grand Secretary to supply information regarding the standing of members to Secretaries and Recorders of the so-called Higher Bodies of Masonry. The recommendation was referred to the Committee on Legislation which, in turn recommended it to Grand Lodge where it was formally adopted.

The Oration is by Bro. Charles E. Eichenauer, Grand Orator and has for subject "The Great Lights."

"On the night of our initiation, none of us gave thought to the doctrines of the Democratic state--yet, before us were the Three Great Lights--the torch of the spiritual values of human personality;--the torch of human justice;--the torch of self-discipline."

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. Ben E. Sincere, answered the roll call of representatives.

A large part of the Proceedings is filled with statistics and nearly half is used in publishing the Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence under the able leadership of P.G.M. Elmer E. Beach.

In his "Foreword" M. W. Bro. Beach uses language we have used many times but we will be content with quoting his closing sentences, with which we heartily agree:

"Fifty years ago it was a greater honor and distinction to be a Mason than it is now. Let us reverse this and make it a greater distinction and honor to be a Mason now than it has ever been. That will end our membership problem and financial worries."

In the Report, Alberta receives generous mention, the address of M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman being freely quoted.

One Hundred and First Annual Communication to be held in Chicago, October 8th, 1940.

Lodges, 994. Membership, 197,623. Loss, 6,147.

Grand Master—Dan DeBaugh, Chicago.

Grand Secretary—Richard C. Davenport, Harrisburg.

A.M.M.

INDIANA

The Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana was held in the Grand Lodge Hall, in the Masonic Temple in Indianapolis, at 10:05 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd, A.D. 1939, A.L. 5939.

Alberta was represented by Bro. William H. Swintz.

The Grand Master's address showed the results of a year's very full labors by him on behalf of the Craft in the Jurisdiction. From that section of his address devoted to Necrology the following extracts are taken:

"Behold what havoc the scythe of time makes among the human race." It is with deep and sincere regret that we record the passing of 1,741 brethren, of whom 137 were Past Masters. Their memory will linger with us and their fine example should incite us to higher and nobler living. Peace be with them; they rest from their labors in God's safe keeping. To the families and close associates we extend our sympathy. A memorial to our dead will be given by our Committee on Necrology.

"On October 13, 1938, our Senior Past Grand Master, Brother Orlando W. Brownback, passed to his Eternal reward. For more than 40 years he attended these Grand Lodge meetings and he became such a well beloved and familiar figure that his absence today impresses us with a genuine realization of our loss. I have appointed a Special Committee to present a Memorial in his honor. Let us pause now for a moment in our deliberations to pay tribute to our dead."

The city of Indianapolis has the distinction of there living in it one of the six oldest Masons of the United States, Bro. Nathan Cadwallader. Bro. Cadwallader has passed his 100th birthday and for over 75 years has been a member of the Craft.

During the year the Grand Lodge officers laid the corner stones of four buildings, three school buildings and one Masonic Temple.

An interesting procedure in this Jurisdiction is that of placing weak lodge or lodges where conditions are not considered satisfactory on probation under the tutelage of a competent brother appointed by the Grand Master. If and when the conditions improve sufficiently the lodge is restored to full standing. In some cases lodges are ordered to amalgamate with others and apparently occasionally a charter is withdrawn. It is noted that during the year 16 lodges were placed on probation under this procedure; nine lodges were ordered during the year to consolidate with other lodges or have their charters revoked.

From that section of the Grand Secretary's report dealing with statistics there is the following interesting information: Out of a total number of 545 lodges 27 have less than 50 members; 195 have less than 100 members; 6 have over 1,000 members and the largest has 1,686 members. The smallest lodge has 20 members and the average membership for the Jurisdiction is 195.

The reviews of other Proceedings are not published in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, but in the monthly periodical known as the Indiana Freemason. In the March, 1940, number of this publication appears the review of the Alberta Proceedings for 1939. Complimentary reference is made to the Alberta report on the condition of Masonry, as well as special reference to the emergent meeting of the Ivanhoe Lodge at Coppermine.

There is a statistical summary in the reviewer's report of the condition of Masonry in Canada and the United States from which the following information is gleaned: During the year only seven Jurisdictions in the United States showed a gain in membership as follows: Texas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Illinois, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah. The largest gain was that reported from Texas, being 1,479; the three next in order being Mississippi, 375; South Carolina, 259; and Illinois, 103. There were 15,672 lodges reported active in the United States with a total membership of 2,540,849 with a net loss for the year of 36,567. In Canada only one Jurisdiction showed a gain, Prince Edward Island which had an increase of two in its membership. The total number of active lodges in Canada is reported as 1,380, with a membership of 174,259 and a net loss for the year of 2,772.

The following recommendation from the report of the Grand Lecturer might well be taken to heart:

"I recommend that every Worshipful Master, in addition to his knowledge of ritual, should make a thorough study of the Ancient Landmarks, the General Regulations and Laws, the By-Laws of his own Lodge, the Instructions and Sample Minutes for writing records and other forms of instructions given in the General Regulations. If they are carefully studied, thoroughly understood and faithfully observed, the Masters will exert a powerful influence in purifying, elevating and preserving Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The statistical information contained in the Indiana Proceedings is very detailed, complete and informative.

The next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held in Grand Lodge Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of May, A.D. 1940, A.L. 5940, being May 28th, 1940.

Lodges, 545. Membership, 106,257. Decrease, 996.

M. W. Grand Master—John R. Hunter, 1921 S. Center St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

R. W. Grand Secretary —William H. Swintz, Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A.E.O.

IOWA

Ninety-sixth Annual Communication held at Sioux City, June 13th, 1939. M. W. Bro. Realf Ottesen, Grand Master.

The usual complimentary exercises opened the proceedings. A travelling gavel made from poplar wood grown on the site of one of the battles of the Revolutionary War at Guilford, North Carolina, was used during the ceremonies and passed on to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

The Grand Master's address is restrained and informative. He opens with an expression of belief: "To be a Mason today is to have the rare privilege of being enlisted in a great crusade to preserve the eternal varieties of life . . . (in) a great brotherhood that is becoming increasingly conscious of its purposes, its responsibilities and its high mission." We wonder, sometimes, if the consciousness of purpose and mission is generally true.

An excellent piece of work is reported when the Grand Master draws attention to a special exhibit of the work of Grand Lodge arranged for the benefit of visiting delegates and designed to demonstrate "in visual form by illustration, diagrams, pictures and models" the progress of the various boards and committees.

His comment on Special Representatives, apparently corresponding to our District Deputy Grand Masters, is one of which some of our Districts might well take heed:

"A Special Representative should be what the name implies. He should be the contact man between the constituent lodges and the Grand Lodge on matters of general lodge administration. As such he should be able to assist lodges in their various problems and to acquaint them with what the Grand Lodge has to offer to aid them in their work. He should also, by reason of his contact with the lodges, be able to bring the Grand Lodge some idea of what the men in the constituent lodges are thinking about and what their real needs are. He should be a man of tact, a man of broad Masonic knowledge and information; and his contact with the lodges should be one, not of inspection and criticism, but of friendly helpfulness."

On the question of physical perfection the Grand Master expresses himself in a manner with which we agree. "The so-called 'physical perfection doctrine' has been the bane of Grand Lodges for a long time past. Personally, I find nothing in its favor except its antiquity. The general tendency is to liberalize Masonic law in this particular. I think we might well take the question under consideration again."

Among his "opinions" the Grand Master, while admitting that the Iowa Code is not clear on the point, ruled that only a Mason in good standing could prefer charges against another. We concur.

Grand Master Ottesen is alive to the need for co-ordination and leadership among the several branches of Masonry and has gone to quite considerable lengths in promoting his belief. His report shows him meeting with the wide and well-deserved success of active interest.

At the Conference of Grand Masters the need for a Declaration of Masonic Principles was urged and that Declaration appears in full in the Iowa Proceedings. We believe it should be repeated here:

Declaration of Principles

"Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious society. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction.

"It is charitable in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of mankind.

"It is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.

"It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonies a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law.

"It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a lodge is in session, reverence for God is ever present in its ceremonial, and to its brethren are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not sectarian or theological.

"It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may forgather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of education, of worship, and of charity.

"Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and personal responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of charity, or good will, toward all mankind which will move them to translate principle and conviction into action.

"To that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of God; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; and enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious, and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the law of any state in which he may be.

"It believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principle upon which men of every race, country, sect, and opinion may unite rather than by setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds, and opinions can assemble.

"Believing these things, this Grand Lodge affirms its continued adherence to that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion in Masonic meetings of creeds, politics, or other topics likely to excite personal animosities.

"It further affirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness, and welfare, for Masonic Bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any legislation, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. The true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience."

The concluding note in the Grand Master's address leaves us rather puzzled. In speaking of Freemasonry and world affairs, he says, among other things:

"It is, however, necessary that we always keep in mind the fact that Freemasonry deals with principles, not with measures; that Freemasonry has to do with ideals, not with men. Freemasonry opposes religious intolerance, but does not hate the intolerant; Freemasonry cannot countenance racial arrogance, but bears no animosity towards the racially arrogant; Freemasonry of necessity deplores class consciousness and class antagonism, but has nothing but kindly consideration for the class-conscious man."

We are puzzled because it seems to us that men are the chips in the universal game of ideas and ideologies and without Masons there can be no Masonry. To set aside and "personalize" Freemasonry as something apart from Freemasons sounds strange to us. But we may have misinterpreted!

The address of Bro. E. G. Williams, with the title, "Hewed Stones—Costly Stones" is excellent. Among his stones are "the granite of Truth"; "the flint of sacrificial devotion"; "the alabaster of Compassion and Tolerance"; "the marble of Faith in God". Read this address in full to find out something of the majesty of our common language on the lips of a brother who has something to say!

Read also the address on The Flag. Read the Reports on the Iowa Library and what Masonic education really means. We know we are supposed to report these things briefly for you but it just cannot be done intelligently in the space at our disposal. The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa are so full of information and thought provoking comment that a brief report is hopelessly inadequate. Read the book for yourself. We guarantee it will refresh your thirst for information.

The usual statistical tables and a fine review of Correspondence edited by Ernest R. Moore, P.G.M., round out a valuable Masonic document. Alberta, as always, finds generous fraternal reference.

Next Annual Communication at Burlington, June 11th, 1940.

Lodges, 548. Membership, 66,933. Net loss, 305.

Grand Master—Homer A. Benjamin, Des Moines.

Grand Secretary—C. C. Hunt, Cedar Rapids.

A.M.M.

IRELAND

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, St. John's Day Meeting, was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, December 27, 1939.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Raymond Brooke, in the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, presided. In addressing Grand Lodge he quoted the concluding words of the M. W. Grand Master's address last year: "If the present turmoil dies down it can only be by the triumph of the great principles that Freemasonry teaches, that men must love their neighbors as themselves."

Continuing he said, "Brethren, the action of one man who suppressed all Freemasonry in his own country—Freemasonry which, in happier days we used to recognise as working within the bounds of the ancient landmarks—and who entirely put aside those principles which Freemasonry teaches, charity and brotherly love, has plunged the world again into all the horror and misery that war entails. We can only hope and pray that when the war is over, and peace has been restored, those whose duty it is to frame treaties will remember those great principles which we acknowledge, and will try to apply them to their task."

He referred to the magnificence and dignity with which the Grand Lodge of England carries out their ritual and the way in which their ceremonies are organized. He was present at the Installation of the Duke of Kent, when His Majesty the King addressed the new Grand Master, obligated him, invested him and installed him in the Chair.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland being the senior visiting Grand Lodge, their Grand Master had the honor and privilege of being the first to convey greetings to the Grand Lodge of England and the congratulations of every Irish Freemason to the new Grand Master upon his installation.

He mentioned with appreciation the visit of one of the Grand Officers to Lodge 390, Kingston, Jamaica, and his pleasure in seeing the correctness of the Irish Working as exemplified by them in this far away part of the Empire.

He spoke of the building and completion of two new lodge halls, one costing some \$50,000.00, and both of them now occupied and free of debt. Another lodge, "not very big" celebrated its 150th anni-

versary by collecting from their members \$10.00 for every year their warrant or charter had been in existence, and donated the results to the three Masonic Charities—a splendid and practical way of marking an anniversary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of South Connaught is remarkable. It has just completed 200 years of existence. There are only four lodges, two being over 200 years old and the other two are nearly 100. He comments on the determination with which these four old lodges have kept going, through good times and evil, through all these years, showing the devotion they have given to the Craft.

The Grand Lodge of Instruction is an institution in their jurisdiction, increasing number of lodges visit and demonstrate their work before this Body and the way the ritual is being learned and worked all over Ireland is a source of great encouragement.

Their lodges in China are working under very great difficulties. A tragedy is again reported in the untimely death of a good brother who was bayoneted by the Japanese when he was performing his ordinary duties and trying to protect the property of his employer in Shanghai. Yet the Masons there carry on in their lodge, meeting regularly and the meetings are well attended. They also make their contributions to the Charities—a great example of fortitude and perseverance in most trying times.

The War has increased the strain under which our Irish brethren labor. The rising cost is referred to of everything they need in their schools, and of everything their poor and distressed brethren and their widows want in their homes, and the inability of the Annuity Fund to find annuities for more than a proportion of those who have applied. Contributions have been somewhat less, but it was hoped they would be made up before the end of the year. Appeals would be made to relieve all sorts of distress due to the war, but the brethren were asked to bear in mind their old established Charities.

To remind ourselves how the war affects all those in the Mother Lands, we quote one of his closing sentences:

“Finally, brethren, I do not suppose there is a single brother here in this room who has not got a near relation or a dear friend who has gone out to fight for King and Empire, and we pray the Great Architect of the Universe may bring them back safe and sound.”

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Henry C. Shellard, who was so seriously ill at the time of the last Annual Communication, was congratulated on making such a good recovery, on presenting his report covering the activities of Grand Lodge and its Officers for the year.

We note that warrants for two new lodges were issued, one of them in Cape Town. Two lodges were cancelled. Star of the West Lodge No. 130 in County Kerry had an interesting experience in March when they installed as Master a brother who was Master fifty years ago and there were thirty-four Past Masters of the lodge present.

The Provincial Grand Lodge Reports, corresponding to our D.D.G.M. Reports, show that Masonry is active and progressive in Ireland. In Belfast they were obliged to hire halls to accommodate numbers amounting to five or six hundred for special meetings. All

report their lodges are meeting regularly in spite of restrictions under present abnormal conditions. In more than one case the lodges have been instructed to meet at an earlier hour and close not later than 9:00 p.m., and in every district the lodges and the members are endeavoring to maintain and continue their support of their great Charities. It may be of interest to note that R. W. Bro. Lord Farnham, one of the Irish Delegation who visited Alberta, is now Provincial Grand Master in County Meath and reports that in all his lodges the Working is good and interest well sustained, with an increase in membership recorded.

J. H. W. S. K.

KANSAS

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas met in the city of Wichita on the fifteenth and sixteenth of February, 1939.

Distinguished visitors from Colorado and Nebraska were welcomed by the Grand Master. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The Grand Master, after warning of the spirit of apathy and indifference in the lodges, gave worthy advice to elected officers in many lodges. He feels that some fail to assume their responsibility and do not realize that the Craft look to them for guidance through intelligent and informed leadership.

The Grand Master closed his address with a plea for service, "Ours is not a one-man Institution, and only when we as individuals strive to serve, can Masonry function. Collectively we progress, just to the extent that our daily life reflects the beauties of our Masonic knowledge."

The Secretary of the Masonic Home Board reports an average membership of 288 with a per capita cost of \$290.00.

Bro. Arthur F. McCarthy delivered the oration. He traced the development of democracy through the ages and dealt with dangers of its downfall. He gives his conviction in these words: "It appears to me certain that if Masons in Kansas and in the nation stand fast, refusing to be budged from our traditional principles, ranging ourselves in solid ranks against the "isms" and false doctrines in which are such critical danger, never assenting to any increase in the power of government, always insisting on freedom of speech, press, religion and ownership of property, which these heroic Masons wrote into our organic law, and adhering to the principle of free enterprise—not as an organization, for no organized action is proposed, but as individuals—then, my brethren, we may hope and we may be assured that our hopes can and will be fully realized."

Lodges, 439. Membership, 60,854. Loss, 580.

M. W. Grand Master—Claud F. Young.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, P. G. M., Topeka.

Next Annual Communication 21st February, 1940, Topeka.

C. C. H.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication was held October 17, 1939, at Louisville. M. W. Bro. Charles P. Duley, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master's address was a complete record of a busy year of office, during which he visited practically every part of the jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge provides their Grand Master with a car. Apparently a new car is purchased each year, the old one being turned in and the Grand Master found this arrangement very satisfactory from the point of view of expense to Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge has very extensive Masonic Homes and educate a number of children in their Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. The Grand Master found that there were some cases in the Home of children, who through some disability were unable to reach a grade in their education which would qualify them for some position at the leaving age of sixteen, in other words they had not graduated. He mentioned as an example a student of seventeen years who was only finishing the eighth grade. This child came to them with tubercular trouble, which after considerable treatment has been successfully dealt with, but at the cost of losing one lobe of the lung. This girl can never engage in manual labor and unless she can obtain a higher grade and special training could hardly be self supporting. He took the matter up with another Masonic organization and secured for her the opportunity she needed, and he recommended that Grand Lodge make some provision for such students in their Masonic Home, which was approved.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky apparently approves of public Installations as the Grand Master mentions that he installed the Grand Secretary at a public Installation, which was well attended by the community as well as the Masonic Fraternity.

M. W. Bro. John H. Cowles, P.G.M., and one of the most widely known Masons on the North American continent, gave a report on his visit to London on the occasion of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. On this occasion he presented to the Grand Lodge of England a gold scroll on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. A cut of this very handsome scroll is printed in the Proceedings.

The Grand Master, under the heading of "Opinions" made several rulings, some of which may be of interest here. One of the so-called higher bodies of Masonry requested permission to have Masonic aprons made with their emblem and the name of the degree team worked thereon, to be used in conferring the Master's Degree. He says: "It would be a deplorable condition if every or any group of Master Masons of higher or affiliated bodies were permitted, for advertising or any other purpose, to decorate or adorn their Masonic aprons with emblems or symbols of other bodies of higher degrees." He therefore ruled that such use of the apron would be unmasonic.

In another case he was asked if a brother who has his dues paid up to December 31st in any year and on June 30th dimits to another lodge, should have his unearned dues refunded. His answer was that he knew of no provision to refund any portion of unearned dues in such a situation. The Constitution simply required that before a dimit could be given, the applicant shall be clear on the books of the lodge, which he was in this case.

Another question was, a member of a Kentucky lodge who was also a member of a Florida lodge had been suspended for N.P.D. by the Kentucky lodge, could this brother visit a Kentucky lodge as being in good standing in a Florida lodge?

His answer was, "No," and reminds the questioner that the Secretary of the Kentucky lodge should have notified the Florida lodge that the brother was suspended. We have met with the same question in this jurisdiction which has been similarly answered. All his rulings were approved by Grand Lodge.

Amongst his recommendations we note one, that the aprons for the Grand Lodge Officers be cleaned immediately after the session of Grand Lodge and the Committee on Finance so ordered. Apparently, like the Grand Lodge of Alberta, their regalia is allowed to go until some Grand Master has to draw attention to it.

This Grand Lodge has a Committee on Publicity, which reported as follows: "We, your Committee on Publicity, beg leave to report that we have conscientiously performed our duties to the best of our ability during the past twelve months and have secured much favorable publicity in the Press. All of which we believe has redounded to the advantages of placing our beloved institution in the proper light before the several communities in the States which it deserves." Perhaps it has been found necessary in Kentucky to control individual efforts of Masons to publicize their proceedings and a control publicity may have its advantages.

Several lodges were fined for violation of the regulation pertaining to their annual returns and per capita payment. The Finance Committee recommended that the fines be remitted if proper report has been made to the Grand Secretary, dues and fines paid at the close of this Grand Lodge and suggested that the Grand Master call the representatives of the various lodges to the floor and impress upon them the importance of promptness in complying with the existing regulations. Does not the recommendation mean "refunded" instead of "remitted"?

The fraternal reviews are by Bro. A. C. Terhune. His Foreword gives by countries a brief glimpse of the situation of Masonry with regard to the war, emphasizing the difficulties the Craft has to contend with.

Alberta for 1938 receives extended and fraternal notice. He quotes M. W. Bro. Hartman liberally, mentions the passing of M. W. Bros. Hogbin and Patterson, and "the most timely address" of His Honor The Lieut.-Gov. J. C. Bowen, and said it was a real joy to read the Proceedings of the Canadian Grand Lodges. Thank you brother. And we get a great deal of pleasure out of yours.

J.H.W.S.K.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana in New Orleans, on Monday afternoon of the Sixth day of February, Nineteen Hundred

Thirty-nine, at 2:10 o'clock, was opened in the Third or Master's Degree, in Ample Form, by M. W. Bro. Charles F. Ratcliffe, Grand Master, after prayer by Brother A. S. Lutz, (De-Ridder 271), Acting as Grand Chaplain.

Alberta was not represented. It is refreshing to find that apparently the tide with respect to membership has turned in the Jurisdiction of Louisiana, as for the first time in a number of years a net increase in membership is reported. From the Grand Master's address under the heading, "State of the Order", we quote:

"There can be no doubt that our Fraternity is in a sound and healthy condition. Some work is being done in most of the Lodges, and unusual activity and progress is in evidence in some of them.

"The Grand Secretary's report will show a gain in our numerical strength during this Masonic year; instead of a consistent decline in each of the several years immediately preceding.

"We rejoice in this renewed zeal and activity, and trust it will gain momentum and increase in volume during the next year."

From the Grand Secretary's report we offer the following quotation:

"From the statistical data submitted, you will note quite an improvement in Masonic conditions throughout the State; on all sides there is a spirit of optimism; and good fellowship has prevailed in many of the meetings which have shown an increased activity and attendance, and you will also note there has been a decided increase in the number of raisings in the State during the past year, and this in itself is a barometer as to what we may expect in the future. As new material is coming into the field and many of our brethren who have been indifferent for many years past are returning to attend their meetings; also many of our brethren who have been suspended or demitted are now returning to the fold.

"We have now witnessed the turning point in Freemasonry in our State and it can be definitely stated that a brighter day has arrived."

During the Masonic year 740 twenty-five year certificates and 11 fifty-year certificates were distributed. In this connection service pins were presented to two brethren at the Communication of Grand Lodge, first to Bro. A. B. Murray with a record of 61 years membership, and secondly to Bro. Sam Marks with a record of 63 years membership.

From the eloquent address of the Grand Orator the following quotation is taken:

"Whence the origin of Freemasonry? Where did it begin?

"Not in the architecture and mythology of the Romans; not in the more remote, elegant architecture and beautiful philosophy of the Greeks; not in the more ancient astrology of the Persians and Chaldeans; not in the architectural construction of Solomon's Temple, in Jerusalem; not in the more remote astronomy of the Babylonians and edifices of the Assyrians; not in the more ancient, fascinating mythology and massive architecture of the Egyptians; not in the

more ancient, Sacred Books of India; not in the more remote civilizations of Mesopotamia, on the plains of Shinar, and of Bactria or Bactriana; nor yet in the green clad mountains and fertile, flowery valleys of Armenia, the birthplace of Man, but in the beneficent Being of Jehovah, the Supreme Architect and Grand Master of the Universe. Far back into the remote ages, before our universe had been spoken into existence were born in the infinite mind of the Creator, or Great Architect, those magnificent Masonic designs from which and by which the universe was wrought into existence. Masonry, as emanating from God, is clearly evidenced in the Supreme Architect's challenging words to Job—"Where was thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Who hath laid the measures thereof? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof?" At what time? "'When the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy?'"

An interesting feature of the work in Louisiana is the operation of The Masonic Educational Foundation Incorporated. This consists of a fund supplied by bequests made in the wills of deceased brethren. During the Masonic year seven students, five young men and two young women were given assistance. The plan under which the fund is administered is set forth below:

"For the information of this Grand Lodge, I desire to state that any boy or girl needing assistance and having satisfactory recommendations, is eligible to obtain a loan from this fund for the purpose of education. The Board requires each applicant to submit a questionnaire covering the history of his or her family and relationship, his connection with Masonry, if any, his dependence for support or other assistance and his scholastic record during his last year in high school or during such part of his college course as he or she may have completed. When these requirements have been complied with and the application approved, the applicant is required to execute a note for the amount of assistance requested, payable five years after date, without interest until after maturity. This note must be endorsed by the parent or guardian of the applicant or someone sponsoring or recommending the applicant. This procedure makes it possible for a student entering as a freshman to complete his college course and to pursue some occupation for one year after leaving college before the first advancement becomes due. If this procedure is followed and a reasonable number of the beneficiaries of this assistance repay the loans made to them, the fund will become a revolving fund which will in time amount to a considerable sum and enable the Board to assist a growing number of students each year. The policy of the Board in keeping constant check on the scholastic record of students who are beneficiaries of the fund, is a stimulus to students, as a withdrawal of further assistance by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Educational Foundation, would be a great humiliation to the student."

The detailed report on Foreign Grand Jurisdictions is not included in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, but from the very excellent summarized report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the following interesting statistics are extracted: The committee reports presumably for 1938 that there were throughout the world 27,687 lodges with a total membership of 3,656,149. These would represent the membership in the "regular" Masonic bodies.

It is interesting further to note that 90 per cent of all Freemasons in the world are citizens of English speaking countries.

Next Annual Grand Communication begins on Monday, February 12th, 1940, 2:00 p.m., Masonic Temple, New Orleans, La.

Lodges, 250. Membership, 20,681. Increase, 38.

Grand Master—Robert H. Brooks, Ruston.

Grand Secretary—D. Peter Laguens, Jr., New Orleans.

A.E.O.

MAINE

M. W. Bro. Giddings presided at the One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine held in the City of Portland, May 2nd, 1939.

Alberta is represented by M. W. Bro. Giddings.

198 of 206 lodges were represented, ten Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Quebec Grand Lodges sent visitors.

756 members, including R. W. Bro. I. W. Case, P.S.G.W., passed on to the Grand Lodge Above.

The Grand Master's address included interesting statistics on membership in relation to rural and urban populations. He expressed disappointment that in spite of splendid interest in all districts there was a larger decrease in membership than in the previous year, and appeals to lodges to take steps to regain members lost through dimits and suspensions. At the same time he expressed the opinion that the elimination of "dead-wood" will leave Freemasonry stronger. Lodges having from 8 to 15 per cent and one having more than 30 per cent Life Members are warned of the serious economic conditions this practice involves. It was a busy year for M. W. Bro. Giddings, who reports a long list of visits including the Nova Scotia Bi-Centenary. He established something of a record when he visited a lodge within 30 miles of Augusta which had not entertained a Grand Master since 1861. In speaking of the spirit of intolerance, arrogance, greed and racial hatred that is rampant in the world today he said, "We need a rebirth of character which is the cornerstone upon which true leadership is builded. True leadership is the product of high moral environment and the cultivation of strong character through education."

The Grand Secretary, in his report, dealt with the Grand Secretaries' Conference at Washington. The discussion of the various topics referred to must have been very interesting and instructive.

The Grand Lecturer submitted a proposed plan for the examination of visitors. It is very similar to the method used in this jurisdiction. Considerable time was taken up in the revision of the Code which was compiled in 1820. One revision we note provides that 14 days elapse

between the acceptance of a petitioner and his first and succeeding degrees. In Alberta eight weeks is the rule.

At the banquet table, M. W. Bro. Perry, Grand Master of Massachusetts, has this to say of the trouble making governments today: "Today there is no belief however ancient or revered . . . but what is somewhere being challenged. . . . Today a world-wide laboratory experiment is in process to see if, for instance, Truth can be confined within national or geographical boundaries. Is it right, is it feasible, is it even possible for men in a given nation to be truthful with each other and at the same time be utterly untruthful with all the rest of mankind? . . . Can men be at once honorable and dishonorable according to geographical metes and bounds?" Space will not permit quoting M. W. Bro. Perry's answers to these questions.

M. W. Bro. Ashley Smith in his report of Correspondence refers to the statement of "Aims and Relationships" of the Grand Lodge of England and to the "Declaration of Principles" as outlined by the Grand Master's Conference at Washington and which has been approved by several Grand Bodies. M. W. Bro. Smith submits this Declaration in his "Foreword" for the thoughtful consideration of the Maine brethren.

Alberta is given a generous review with a quotation from Bro. the Hon. Lt. Governor Bowen's address on "Freedom."

206 Lodges. 35,737 Members. Net loss, 556.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Communication to be held in Portland, May 7th, 1940.

Grand Master—George F. Giddings, State House, Augusta.

Grand Secretary—Convers E. Leach, Masonic Temple, Portland.
W.D.

MANITOBA

The Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on Wednesday, June 7th, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert Hawkins, on the Throne.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present, among them our own M. W. Bro. Victor A. Bowes. Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr, was in attendance.

Among the distinguished visitors present were M. W. Bro. A. West, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey and R. W. Bro. Fred J. Hand.

The opening was marked by a flag ceremony when the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes were presented in the East.

The Districts had been re-arranged and an apparent innovation came into force when three isolated lodges were replaced under the direct supervision of the Grand Master. This seems a satisfactory plan.

Dispensation was granted for a new lodge in the district between Lakes Manitoba and Winnipeg. Five Past Grand Masters assisted in the ceremony of Institution.

There have been two amalgamations of lodges; Waskada and Deloraine have united and Concord and Shiloh have become one.

M. W. Bro. Hon. Gunnar H. Nordbye, Grand Master of Minnesota, was the guest luncheon speaker. From an International standpoint this address was of a high character. We excerpt from his closing:

"But do not our countries have a right to ask the Masons for their unstinted support in a crucial time such as this? If we stand idly by, if we lack the courage to support actively the democratic principles to which our governments are dedicated, the time will come when Masons will no longer be permitted to meet and congregate as we do now. If we do not give unstintingly of ourselves in supporting our democracies, we are untrue to our Fraternity as well as to our countries. The beacon-light of Freemasonry in the hands of courageous and valiant brothers will materially assist in lighting the way. Let us rededicate ourselves to the service of our countries in upholding the great principles of freedom, justice and equality."

It is interesting to compare the membership of Manitoba and Alberta. Five years ago Alberta had 435 more members while this year Manitoba has 284. In five years the membership of Manitoba decreased 11 per cent and for the same period Alberta decreased 15 per cent.

Benevolent Endowment Fund amounts to \$272,697.66.

M. W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, Grand Secretary.

105 Lodges. Membership, 10,413. Decrease, 225.

M. M. D.

MARYLAND

The Grand Lodge of Maryland held its Semi-annual Communication in the City of Baltimore, May 16, 1939, M. W. Grand Master John H. Hessey, presiding.

In his report the Grand Master records six months of strenuous work. In that time he had been welcomed in three Grand Lodges, Massachusetts, District of Columbia and Virginia, and in thirty-nine lodges of his own jurisdiction. The labor he expended on Grand Lodge finances called forth this remark from the Deputy Grand Master, when he moved the acceptance of the report, "And if I know anything about it, this dear brother of mine has not been sleeping every time he has been in bed."

In a supplementary report he presented for adoption a "Declaration of Principles" for which Masonry stands, which could be used for publication, the first paragraph of which is an outline of the whole:

"Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society, adhering to its own Landmarks. Its principles are proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction."

These points are elaborated at some length. His argument for their adoption is that there has never been any declaration of principles which could be shown to the outside world. Hence through lack of understanding the Masonic Order in Maryland was burdened with taxes from which they should be legitimately exempt. Grand Lodge did not sanction the adoption.

The Annual Communication was held in Baltimore on November 21st and 22nd, 1939, with the M. W. Grand Master again presiding.

Alberta's representative answered the roll call of Sister Foreign Jurisdictions. Bro. Kinsinger is also on the committee which controls the building of Masonic Halls.

The Grand Master again records some twenty-one visits to subordinate lodges during the six months and picks out for special mention that paid to Concordia Lodge No. 13 and also Ohr Lodge No. 131, where he had the pleasure of witnessing the presentation of Bro. Carl Claudy's latest Masonic Play, "Judge Not". This had also been presented at a special session of Grand Lodge.

The most outstanding visit of the year is that recorded as Maryland's representative to England to attend the Installation of His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England on July 18th to 21st, 1939. The ceremony took place at the Olympia in the presence of nearly 13,000 Masons from all over the world. The ceremony was performed by the King as Past Grand Master, and due to the rarity of such ceremonies in England, this being the first in 38 years, it was one to be appreciated.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a loss in membership of some 1,029. Of these 621 were suspended under the regulation adopted last year, requiring the suspension of members two years in arrears of dues. 301 have laid aside the Working Tools of life, among whom are counted Peter E. Tome, R. W. Grand Treasurer for the past 39 years, and Harry C. Mueller, M. W. Honorary Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary for the past six years.

Lodges, 121. Membership, 28,424.

M. W. Grand Master—J. H. Hessey.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Claud Shaffer.

W.B.

MASSACHUSETTS

Two Hundred and Fiftieth year—1938.

Grand Master, Joseph Earl Perry, Belmont.

In approaching the Proceedings of a Grand Jurisdiction for the first time a reviewer as a rule is faced with characteristics which are

novel to him. This is true of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and this reviewer. He finds at the outset that Massachusetts, following the practice of the British Grand Lodges, meets quarterly and therefore, to some extent, four reviews in one are required.

Two things are at once apparent in the Proceedings under review. First is the close attention given to anniversaries of individual lodges such as the 25th, 50th and 75th and the care in recording the history of these lodges over the varying period of their lives. The point brought home is the high value of historical registers in lodges themselves, from which, of course, these histories are prepared.

The other outstanding item in the Proceedings is the very high quality of the reports of the M. W. Grand Master and of the speeches which are delivered on various occasions.

We observe that Alberta's Grand Representative was present at one only of the quarterly communications.

In the short space at our disposal, it is impossible to quote the addresses of the Grand Master and others at any great length but we do quote briefly as sample of their flavor and to indicate how Massachusetts Masons take their faith and their profession.

At the quarterly communication, March 9th, 1938, the Grand Master chose as his theme "The Masonic Way of Living" and among many fine and practical things he said:

"History is sometimes regarded as merely a record of the impact of dynamic individual personalities on their contemporaries. Without doubt the impact of a dynamic Freemasonry on the affairs of the present could be a saving factor. Of a certainty the universal acceptance and practice of the Masonic way of living would afford a solid foundation for the solution of today's problems."

"When the rituals of modern speculative Freemasonry were written two centuries ago, they culled the gems of wisdom from the best of all previous schools of religion and philosophy and practical living as transmitted by internal tradition and by available history.

"Modern Freemasonry may therefore claim to be the world's oldest laboratory for practical and experimental research in the art of living. Its ritual is designed to be a symbolical representation of the course of a man through his life, leading him step by step from birth through manhood to old age and leaving him with a hope of immortality."

"Without that background has Freemasonry no help for mankind at strife with mankind, for individual men at strife with themselves and for a world adrift from God?"

"In a world of selfish greed, of nations struggling with nations, and of class warring with class, Freemasonry, both by precept and in practice, reminds us that there is a better way, a way of friendship and love and peace."

"Thus, in a world of greed and force, Freemasonry teaches self-restraint and reason."

"In a world permeated with a spirit of selfish rivalry it teaches universal brotherhood."

"In a world of intolerance and bigotry, it teaches tolerance and kindness."

"The real contribution of Freemasonry will only incidentally be collective. The real contribution of Freemasonry will be in the quality of the individual lives of its members. A single courageous word of truth may set the standard for a business or a government."

"We believe that the practice of that wisdom, the Masonic Way of Living, would tend to enrich our own individual lives and would afford a standard around which to rally the wavering forces of righteousness."

"We believe that the voice of Freemasonry should confidently be raised above the counsels of avarice and confusion and despair to guide and reassure a baffled humanity."

"We believe that out of the present discord may come the harmony of a great symphony if we can sound one true note to set the key."

"No one can do for us what we fail to do for ourselves. Our tools are not propaganda or strategem or force. They are not heroic or spectacular. They are only incidentally collective. In the last analysis they consist of individual living, of loyalty to high ideals, of indomitable purpose to surmount the defeats that shame us and to outgrow the limitations that keep us small. They consist of reverence and faith and kindness and integrity and wholesome good fellowship."

Much attention is being given in Massachusetts to the question of life membership. We note by-laws of various lodges being approved by the Committees and find that, on the whole, quite respectable sums are demanded for life membership. One hundred and twenty-five dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars seems to be about the average charge. The sum is capitalized and the revenue therefrom turned over to the Treasurer of the lodge, presumably in lieu of the dues which he can no longer collect by reason of these life memberships. This seems to us a wholly sane and sensible plan and might well be imitated by many lodges in our own and other Jurisdictions.

Massachusetts rewards outstanding Masons in its Jurisdiction and especially those who have given active and long service to the fraternity. Two memorial medals are presented at the various communications and several awards are noted in the present Proceedings.

At the quarterly communication of June 8th we note the passage of a by-law permitting a member who has demitted from his lodge to re-affiliate with the same lodge by a majority vote of that lodge, providing he re-affiliates within the five years of his demission.

The Grand Master's address at this communication has as its topic "The Origin of Grand Lodges." The field is well covered and includes among other things the recognition of other Grand Lodges, the exchange of representatives, Masonic precedence and the need for a united Freemasonry. We observe with interest that the quarrel regarding the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has finally been solved and amity reigns once more.

From the section of the address dealing with a united Freemasonry, we quote the following:

"The fundamental principles of Freemasonry bear no relation to geographic boundaries or to the artificial subdivisions of states or other political units. The considerations—or the inertia—that have kept Freemasonry from greater co-operation between Grand Jurisdictions might well be restudied in the light of present day conditions and needs."

"In the face of all the destructive forces of this modern age, the forces of decency and stability and righteousness might well sacrifice some fragment of local pride for the greater benefits of closer co-operation."

"Nations, even civilizations, have perished, but mankind presses forward. The laws of justice and decency have been defied over and over in the world's history but they have never been repealed. Above the confusions and perplexities and discouragements of the present tower those principles that are eternal and unailing."

The celebrations covering the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the connection of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with it are very fully covered. We note, of course, the presence of our own P.G.M.'s, Archibald West and John Martland. It is interesting to observe that a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held on July 11th in the City of Halifax by permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia.

The complete ceremony in connection with the dedication of a monument to R. W. Bro. Erasmus James Phillips, as well as several pictures of the beautiful memorial, are included in the Proceedings.

At the quarterly communication of August 3rd the main address is given by M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master. His subject is "Freemasonry and the State" and from it we quote:

"Freemasonry welcomes and bids Godspeed to all who worship Him in spirit and in truth, by whatever name they call Him. Freemasonry, however, is unalterably and unequivocally opposed to attempts by any man or body of men, any authority, civil or ecclesiastical, any organization, religious or bolshevistic, to abate by one jot or tittle the right of others to their own beliefs, to their own methods of manifesting their devotion to the Deity of their consciences.

"If within the power of Freemasons to prevent it, no sect, atheistic, agnostic or supremely religious will be permitted to dominate, dictate or control civil government. Freemasonry has never attempted to do this, and would not if it had the power."

Minor advances in science are recorded at the quarterly communication of September 14th when the Grand Master records that by electrical transcription he sent the greetings of Belmont Lodge and of Grand Lodge to some brethren in New Zealand.

The Grand Master's address on this occasion had for its topic "Lodge Officers" and we would strongly recommend every officer who can find access to the Proceedings of Massachusetts to read this carefully reasoned address. From it we select one or two important sentences:

"So the first essential is to search earnestly and continuously for a clear mental picture of what it means to be a good Lodge officer, for the structure of Freemasonry is such that the officers play an unusually important part in its success or failure.

"To be an exponent of the Masonic way of living one must sincerely try to make that way his own.

"A wise understanding of human nature is essential. Patience, tolerance, tact, are highly desirable for the materials with which one must work are other human individuals with their frailties and peculiarities. The skillful officer leads and persuades rather than commands. Conceit, arrogance, or the suspicion of self-seeking are fatal. While the ability to think and speak clearly are invaluable, yet the lack of oratorical ability should deter no one from holding Masonic office.

"The Craft cannot and does not wish to compete with the race track or the movie for crowds or revenue. A flashy or vulgar prosperity can defeat the real objects of Freemasonry just as surely as empty benches or an excessive debt."

"Seldom indeed does a sincere Mason conscientiously repudiate an undertaking made on his honor as a Mason. A successful officer fosters the spirit and sets the tone of a lodge which can command this sort of respect. He somehow keeps alight the sacred flame on the altar. No shifty, insincere officer can do that, however large his lodge meetings or bank balances.

"If a Brother in sorrow or trouble or perplexity instinctively turns to a lodge officer for comfort or counsel, and finds them, there is a successful officer, even if he cannot make a glib speech or recite his ritual with fluent perfection. If the impact of the lodge on its members and on the community is wholesome and helpful its officers are a success however unspectacular their performance."

"The officer who would be a good ritualist should try to make the lessons of the ritual a part of himself. He will then speak his lines with earnestness and conviction and dignity. No lodge and no officer can be completely successful unless the ritual is rendered accurately and effectively."

"It may well be that the next great task of our Craft will be not so much the acquiring of new members as the Masonic education of its present membership to play their unique and invaluable part in exemplifying the Masonic way of life. If that be so, then the successful lodge officer is no mere insignificant recipient of childish honors but he is a real factor in the most vital business of mankind."

At the final quarterly communications the Grand Master's address is made up of a review of the things which largely interest his own brethren. From them we make but one quotation under heading of "Masonic Education and Publications":

"The purpose and the practice of Freemasonry are essentially educational, the teaching of a better way of living, by example and by precept. There is unending need for the education of our own membership. There is increasingly urgent need that the external world should be actively informed about Freemasonry."

And that goes for every Grand Jurisdiction in North America.

W. Bro. J. H. Hugo Tatsch, Director of Education and Grand Lodge Librarian, gives his usual magnificent reviews of the highlights of Freemasonry for 1938. As they are, however, somewhat out of date now in the light of recent events, we have refrained from quotation.

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson provides an excellent survey of Freemasonry in Sweden, Denmark and Norway which will be of interest to any Mason interested in the Scandinavian countries, especially in the light of what is going on in that part of the world today.

We know of no Proceedings which has given us more pleasure to review than that of Massachusetts. It covers not only activities of the brethren of Massachusetts itself but the tone and general condition of Masonry everywhere and its perusal will amply repay any serious student of what Freemasonry is and is trying to do.

The Proceedings contain no report of Foreign Correspondence.

The quarterly communications are apparently held invariably in Boston in the months of March, June, September and December.

Lodges 329; Membership, 101,613; Loss, 2,559.

M. W. Grand Master—Joseph Earl Perry, Belmont.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Frederick W. Hamilton, Boston.

A. M. M.

MASSACHUSETTS (1939)

Two Hundred and Sixtieth year. Quarterly communications, March 8; June 14; September 13 and December 13, 1939. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are not only a statement of affairs in the immediate Jurisdiction but a running

commentary on Masonry and things Masonic everywhere and a perennial delight to a student of the Craft and to a reviewer.

At the outset of his little task this reviewer stopped for a moment at the first imprint of the facsimile signature of the late Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, who passed to the undiscovered country since the present Proceedings were assembled. Here was another great and faithful servant of the Fraternity whose voice has been stilled and whose brethren mourn.

The Proceedings open with the record of the second official meeting of the Grand Lodge in a foreign country, held in Panama City, Republic of Panama, where the brethren of Massachusetts had opportunity to fraternize with those of Panama and neighboring Central American Republics. The first foreign meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held in Nova Scotia in 1938 when that Grand Lodge was celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

Several lodges celebrating anniversaries were officially visited by Grand Lodge.

Coming as it did to the reviewer, at the time newspaper reports of the Pan-American Conference at Havana, Cuba, were appearing, the remarks of Grand Master Perry on his excursion into the Central and South American Republics were timely and apt. Canada is not a republic but she cannot escape geographical implications.

Says the Grand Master: "It is urgently to be hoped that the Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada may find some way to send representatives to visit the Grand Lodges to the south." "The selection of personnel, financing, routing, and other problems would arise but could be met. The need and the opportunity are ripe. Under what auspices or leadership can they be met?"

As Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, your reviewer was keenly interested in another comment by Grand Master Perry on the subject of recognition.

"In the matter of recognition there should be greater uniformity, both as to the bases on which recognition shall be extended and also as to the application of those principles. This is a matter of urgency and it is gratifying that, at the suggestion of our Jurisdiction, the Masonic Service Association has undertaken to offer its services as a clearing house for such information."

The present reviewer, puzzled about recommending for or against recognition of some of these Latin-American Grand Lodges, hopes he may be able to get some of the information suggested.

The "Declaration of Principles of Freemasonry" promulgated by Massachusetts and adopted by most American Grand Lodges appears in full.

On the perennial subject of gambling, open and disguised, the Grand Master sets down his opinion in words which cannot be misunderstood. We are delighted to quote them:

"For the benefit of the entire Fraternity, therefore, I now ask this Grand Lodge as a legislative body to enact a law for its own government on this troublesome subject. Lest this may appear to be a

mere evasion of responsibility, let me say unequivocally that unless this body shall otherwise vote I shall rule that it is inconsistent with the purposes and professions of our Fraternity and dangerous to its welfare to permit any form of so-called door prize or game or other device promoted by a Lodge for financial gain whereby a participant may by an element of chance or luck stand to win something of value in excess of the stake invested by him. Such a ruling would no doubt bar many things not inherently harmful in themselves but potentially dangerous as analogies or precedents."

The Grand Master then suggested the following resolution which was later unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: That it is inconsistent with the professions and purposes of Freemasonry for any Masonic Body to promote, participate in, or profit by any lottery, game of chance, door prize or other device or activity whereby the individual participant may be able, through the element of luck or chance, to win a greater value than he pays, and each Masonic body within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is hereby enjoined to observe the letter and the spirit of this Resolution; and

"Be it further Resolved that all so-called collateral bodies, clubs, or other organizations in Massachusetts whose membership is related to or dependent on Masonic membership, or which in the public mind are likely to be regarded as Masonic organizations, are requested, and all individual Masons owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge are enjoined, to respect the purpose of this Resolution."

In that part of the Proceedings dealing with the quarterly communication of December 13th, the Grand Master is able to report thus:

"The resolution against games of chance unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge on March 8th, 1939, has received commendation in nearly every corner of this hemisphere and has preceded, and perhaps influenced, similar action by important church and other groups. Not the least pleasing of all has been the loyal support of those who thought themselves adversely affected by the Grand Lodge resolution, and who are now the first to acknowledge the improvement in Masonic spirit and activity in their localities in place of the disaster they had anticipated."

Recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine was declined; that of the Grand Lodge of the Department of Antioquia postponed; and granted with exchange of representatives to the National Grand Lodge of Colombia seat at Cartagena and the National Grand Lodge of Colombia seat at Barranquilla. The Grand Lodge Occidental in Colombia has voluntarily dissolved.

Something novel is reported when in a series of radio broadcasts on the general subject of "Good Citizenship", the Grand Master and Grand Secretary spoke on "The Masonic Fraternity". Both distinguished speakers outlined the history, philosophy and purposes of the Craft, including the Declaration of Principles. A permanent phonographic transcription was made for Grand Lodge records and the addresses of both brethren appear in the Proceedings.

Speaking of Lodges of Instruction, corresponding apparently to our District Meetings, the Grand Master has this to say:

"Imperfect as they still are, they are continually improving. If you are critical or skeptical there may be valid grounds for your attitude. Complacency is the enemy of progress; friendly, constructive criticism is its best accelerator. That sort of criticism is welcome. Active personal support is even more welcome."

Some of our brethren might accept the broad hint conveyed.

The Grand Master was privileged to raise his own son.

A closely detailed report on Lodge Finances including some of the financial mathematics of Life Membership is strongly commended to the Finance Committees of Grand Lodge and constituent lodges alike.

From a comment on "Freemasonry in a World at War" we select this hopeful note:

"This is not the beginning of the end of our civilization. It is the beginning of a new era. That new era may be vastly superior to anything that has gone before. What it shall be depends on you and me and the rest of mankind. Freemasonry in a world at war is Freemasonry with an unlimited opportunity for good."

There is an extended report on the Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England filled with detailed and fraternal admiration of the ceremonies and entertainment.

From an address by the Grand Master at a consolidation of two lodges we select this sympathetic gem:

"There is a fourth dimensional realm, a mystic fellowship, open only to those who pass without bitterness through the portals of suffering. The badge of their membership is a deeper sympathy, a more sensitive understanding, and every initiate learns that even if the imprisoning crests shut out the view of the horizon, there is no wave high enough to shut out the stars overhead. Every initiate, through sympathy for fellow sufferers, learns to lift himself above his own little trough high enough to see over the top and lose himself in the broader vista. The outward look, the wider sympathy, transform the mind and rectify the perspective. In a single depressing trough the world may seem all bad, or all sad, or all cruel, or all futile, but for every trough there is a crest and life and the world are filled with good, and joy, and kindness, and worthwhileness. The ocean is more than a single trough."

Sample pages from a new Officers' Plan Book offer ideas on the operations of a good lodge from month to month.

From an address by the late M. W. Bro. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, entitled "What Can I Do?" we choose this paragraph as brief summary of the whole:

"These things, my brethren, we can do. We can keep our heads. We can keep our courage. We can keep our faith. We can be our

best selves. This I conceive to be our task as Masons in a troubled world."

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph Earl Perry was re-elected, a fitting opportunity of service for one who is quite evidently a Leader of men and Masons.

There is much more deserving comment in this splendid volume but space limitations prevent a more extended review. We especially commend these proceedings to the student reader.

Lodges, 329. Membership, 98,846. Loss, 2,767 (as at August 31, 1939).

A. M. M.

MEXICO (YORK GRAND LODGE)

The Seventy-ninth Annual Communication was held in the City of Mexico, 6th April, 1939, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Max S. Von Son, presided. Alberta was represented.

In his address the Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the renewed confidence placed in him in his re-election at the last Annual Communication. After extending a very hearty welcome to all present he directed his attention to the Junior Wardens of various constituent lodges who were there for the first time with a vote. He advised these brethren, if in doubt about matters coming before Grand Lodge, to consult with one of the old-timers of their lodge so that they might vote for the good of the Order.

He expressed regret that the bloodshed of war continues, as well as the oppression of nations by Dictators, and the suppression of liberty and individual rights, but he felt that the sun will again shine, and so, meantime, we anxiously look forward to cloudless days.

From a study of the attendance of Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions, the Grand Master found that many had been absent for a number of years, and consequently he proceeded to make seventeen new appointments and enjoined these brethren to "act up to expectation and truly assist in strengthening the ties with all the sister Jurisdictions with whom they are in fraternal correspondence."

After reviewing the various activities of Grand Lodge for the year, the Grand Master traces world conditions, he then develops the beliefs, tenets and principles of the Craft and the effect the practice of these might have on the world at large, "thus demonstrating a living example of the purest Masonic Tolerance, and its sense of Equality." He concludes his views on the foregoing in the following words: "If ever a Brotherhood of Man can be established in this world, it can only be done by making concessions, by respecting the beliefs of our fellow creatures, I will go further and say that it can only be done by Freemasonry which does not limit its activities to any particular country or religion and which, in its tolerant attitude, unites good men of all creeds and races who otherwise would have remained at a perpetual distance."

We regret that space does not permit us to quote freely from a most inspiring address by the Grand Orator, M. W. Bro. Sidney Ulfelder, P.G.M., who deals with world conditions as he finds them at that time, and the part that Freemasonry might play in remedying these conditions by a united effort. We quote his closing remarks: "I trust the near future will see that Masonic teachings and ways of life forcing the insatiable methods for unhappiness, unrest, intolerance and hate from the face of the earth. I dread to think of the future if some concerted effort is not made to better mankind."

The Grand Master was presented with a handsome silver Casket as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren, and the excellent work done during the last two years.

The reports of the D.D.G.M's. in general strike a very hopeful note as to the future of Freemasonry within this Grand Jurisdiction.

A very interesting review is given of the Proceedings of Alberta.

Lodges, 21. Membership, 702. Loss, 9.

The Eightieth Annual Communication is to be held in the City of Pachuca, 21st March, 1940.

M. W. Grand Master—Jacob Stump, Mexico City.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Fred T. Berger, Mexico City.

J.M.

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MICHIGAN

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the City of Detroit on the 23rd and 24th days of May, 1939, with R. W. Bro. Francis B. Lambie, Acting Grand Master.

The Craft in Michigan suffered a great loss during the year in the death of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Wert I. Savery. "His work was not finished but his column was broken." The brethren of Alberta extend deep sympathy in this sorrow, but trust that the efforts of a good life will live after in Masonic progress and achievement.

"They are not dead who live
In lives they leave behind."

The Grand Jurisdictions of Ohio, Wisconsin and Ontario were represented at this communication by distinguished brethren, and many guests from Grand Masonic Bodies in Michigan extended greetings.

Many dispensations issued by the Grand Master indicate the broadness of his fraternal viewpoint and the value placed on Masonic visitations. The reports show degrees conferred in Michigan by brethren from other Jurisdictions and degree work by Michigan lodges outside this Grand Lodge.

These visitations include Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and several visitations to Ontario. This procedure was continued by the Acting Grand Master.

In his address, the Acting Grand Master offers some excellent advice. He fails to see why Freemasons cannot give their moral and individual support to worthy causes and organizations without having these tied to Freemasonry. He feels that if some well-meaning Masons who advocate such sponsorship would exert their surplus energy to the upbuilding of their own Blue Lodges, these same lodges might not be in such financial distress. He also points out the tendency for certain Masons to inject their own ideas into Masonry and draws attention to the fact that a lodge is not a separate and independent body, free to adopt any law or whim or pursue any course of conduct that may suit its members. It is part of the whole Institution and therefore bound to make, interpret and apply the laws to carry out the principles of Masonry and without the moral or legal right to change its plan.

Membership, 112,241. Loss, 1,712.

Grand Master—Francis B. Lambie.

Grand Secretary—F. Homer Newton, P.G.M., Grand Rapids.

C.C.H.

MISSISSIPPI

One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, held at Jackson, February 14th and 15th, 1939. Opening exercises were held at the City Auditorium.

In his address the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. L. L. Conerly, stressed the good fortune of the brethren to be living in a land where they can enjoy freedom; the freedom of conscience, the freedom of speech and the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Their hearts, he said, should go out in sympathy to brethren in foreign countries who were being subjected to indignities and cruelties.

In referring to a visit made by him with a degree team to Birmingham, Alabama, to exemplify the work of the third degree according to the Mississippi Ritual, the work being exemplified before an audience of twelve to fifteen hundred, the Grand Master said the greatest feature of that event was that not a man stirred from his seat while the degree was being conferred—a lesson to be learned by Mississippi Masons who are guilty, as he alleged, of leaving the lodge before the degree is over. Are Alberta brethren free from censure in this respect?

A new Grand Lodge Office Building (a picture of which appears in the record) on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Meridian is the proud accomplishment of the fraternity in that jurisdiction. The cost was within the estimated twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mississippi operates two Homes—one for girls at Meridian, the other for boys at Columbus. The cost of operation of the former for the fiscal year was \$23,100.00, and the latter \$16,970.00 or a per capita cost respectively of \$292.00 and \$458.00.

The report of the committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of disposing of the Home at Columbus, and building one near Meridian, disapproved of the proposal and the report was thus adopted.

The name of the late M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, P.G.M., appears in the list of distinguished dead of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Lodges, 316. Membership, 21,067.

Grand Master—John A. Dantzler, Winona, Miss.

Grand Secretary—Sid F. Curtis, Meridian, Miss.

S.G.B.

MISSOURI

One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication held at St. Louis, September 26th and 27th, 1939, M. W. Bro. Henry C. Chiles, Grand Master, presiding.

The peak in membership was reached in 1929 with a total of 113,791. Since then it has been decreasing year by year and the 1939 returns show a total membership of 86,861 revealing a net loss during the ten-year period of 26,930, or 23.66 per cent. Despite this shrinkage the Grand Master expresses his confidence that Freemasonry in his jurisdiction is in an excellent condition "perhaps in better condition than it has ever been in all its long history. It is well," says he, "for war with all its horrors has made its appearance in the world again. As to what war may mean to us only one prediction seems sure and that is it will be the signal for large numbers to petition for the hidden secrets . . . and Missouri is better fitted to act upon these petitions now than at any time during the former high tide."

The Grand Master's address and report of his stewardship covers thirty-five pages of the printed Proceedings, and of particular interest to us was his acceptance of the invitation extended to him to represent his Grand Lodge and his attendance at the installation in London, to participate in and witness what was, as he described it, "the greatest Masonic event of this generation—the selection and installation of a Grand Master (in this instance His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent) a rare event with the brethren of the United Grand Lodge of England." He expressed his appreciation for the universal cordiality and manifestation of fraternal esteem with which he was received and entertained by the brethren there. He thinks they are men of few but well chosen words. "Brief though the expressions at the installation were, the words of the Pro-Grand Master, as well as those of the M. W. Grand Master in his inaugural address, definitely sounded the key-note of the event, a Masonic principle" which is passed on to the Missouri brethren as being particularly pertinent "that Freemasonry must be kept clear of those political and religious controversies which so often lead to dissension and even to hatred."

Among the rulings of the Grand Master we find that:

(a) The petition for the degrees of the proprietor of, or of a person employed as a clerk in, a drug store where intoxicating liquors are sold by the package, may not be received;

(b) Under decisions approved by the Grand Lodge, 3.2 per cent beer is not an intoxicating liquor while beer of a higher voltage is;

hence the petition for the degrees of one who sells 3.2 per cent beer in his restaurant may be received; if the beer sold is stronger than 3.2 per cent the petition may not be received. No wonder the 1938 Grand Master stated: "This liquor question has been a most vexatious one."

An interesting guest was Bro. Dr. Hans Schlessinger. He was introduced as a son of Doctor Richard Schlessinger, who was for many years the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vienna and who died in a German concentration camp at the age of 81. Like his distinguished father, the son also endured the privations of such camps and upon his release he made his home in Switzerland. Replying to the introduction, the visiting brother said he was indeed sorry he could no longer represent his beloved mother lodge in Vienna, or his Austrian Grand Lodge, for there no longer is any Masonic Light in his native country. Being a regular member of the Alpina Lodge in Basil, Switzerland, he felt entitled to present their heartiest greetings and fraternal wishes. The Swiss President, he stated, was doing his utmost to help all those Central European Freemasons who, persecuted or exiled, succeeded in escaping over the Swiss border, and he voiced the president's appreciation for the great and effective help which the American Grand Lodges had given him in his work.

A voluminous report on Foreign Correspondence under the title "The Masonic World" was presented by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M. It is set up in a most interesting manner and contains a wealth of Masonic information. In the index to that correspondence we find nine references to Alberta and this Jurisdiction receives praise for the manner in which families in destitute circumstances, regardless of their religious or other affiliation, were assisted during times of drouth.

Lodges, 628. Membership, 87,678.

Grand Master—Karl M. Vetsburg, St. Louis.

Grand Secretary—Arthur Mather, St. Louis.

S.G.B.

MONTANA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication was held at Great Falls, 16th August, 1939, M. W. Bro. Oscar A. Johnson, Grand Master, presided.

Eleven distinguished guests were introduced, and among them we notice the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by his Grand Secretary.

Alberta was again represented by M. W. Bro. James W. Speer.

A very cordial welcome was extended to the brethren by the Mayor of the City of Great Falls, W. Bro. Julius J. Wuerthner.

Three special communications were held during the year, one of which was for the purpose of dedicating the New Temple of Saints John Lodge at Hardin.

The Grand Master records, with regret, the passing of M. W. Bro. John L. Carroll, P.G.M. He was Grand Master in 1909.

Reference is made to the length of the Masonic Funeral Service resulting in discomfort to the mourners and listeners, instead of, as is the chief function on this occasion, bringing solace through the use of fewer words. The Grand Master recommends a revision with a view to brevity.

A comprehensive report of the Conference of Grand Masters held at Washington, D.C., is given.

The Grand Master records his attendance at seven installations when he installed the officers. He further records visits to twenty-nine constituent lodges within the Jurisdiction, on all occasions preaching Masonry to the best of his ability. Outside the Jurisdiction, he records visits to Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, B.C.

The Grand Secretary reports that fifty-four lodges showed a gain in membership, sixty-two a loss and nineteen no change.

The Trustees of the General Relief Fund report a slight decrease from last year—a gratifying condition.

The Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. George S. Sloan, gave a most inspiring address based on the statement made by Marcus Aurelius—"Short is the little that remains to thee of life. Live as on a mountain." He developed the subject in a very excellent manner in its application to present day conditions and mode of life.

Among the remarks made by visiting Grand Masters we quote from the address of M. W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, when he said, "I believe the world today needs more than ever something of the distinguishing characteristics of Freemasonry and its great conception of friendship and brotherly love." He urged every brother to exemplify in his individual contacts with his fellow man, what friendship means. He presented four of the silver medals cast in commemoration of the Royal Visit, one each to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. L. L. Callaway, P.G.M., and W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, as "the emblems of the pathway of friendship."

W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy gave a very stirring address on a Masonic subject. No report is given of the address so we cannot quote any extracts.

The foreword to the Fraternal Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Claude J. McAllister, P.G.M., Grand Historian, sets forth in a very excellent manner a precise of the reviews of the various Grand Lodge Proceedings, Alberta receives a very liberal treatment, and quotations from the address by His Hon. The Lieutenant Governor and The M. W. Grand Master have been used freely.

The next Annual Communication will be held in Butte, 21st August, 1940.

Lodges, 135. Membership, 17,807. Loss, 2.

M. W. Grand Master—Edwin Fredlund, Chimook.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

J.M.

NEBRASKA

M. W. Bro. Walter R. Raecke presided over the Eighty-second Annual Communication which met in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on June 6 and 7, 1939.

There were four Grand Masters and four Past Grand Masters from other Grand Jurisdictions present, as well as many distinguished guests from various sister states. It must have been a great pleasure to the Grand Master to welcome such an assembly.

The many other Masonic Bodies represented at the meeting testified to the harmony and co-operation existing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master in his address emphasizes that in striving for the greatest good of the entire organization, it must be our constant aim to improve the thoughts, the characters and the lives of the individual members.

After a survey of the lodges and consideration of conditions, good and bad found side by side, the Grand Secretary is more than ever convinced that "the life blood of a lodge is its secretary." He says that "with a live, energetic man as Secretary, who is willing to give a little time to his job, and with a reasonable amount of support from the membership, any lodge can prosper, regardless of conditions."

Through the various charitable agencies of Grand Lodge the sum of \$82,330.00 was expended in the last year. This represents an expenditure for charitable and assistance purposes of \$2.59 per capita. As this Grand Jurisdiction, during the last eight years, suffered a loss of 25 per cent in membership with a consequent decrease in available revenue for the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of 24.4 per cent and an increase in expenditures of 60 per cent, the situation was laid frankly before Grand Lodge for advice. Surely this Grand Jurisdiction is to be congratulated on the vast amount of charitable work done and we trust some satisfactory solution was reached. It is an exaggeration of the difficulty confronting most Grand Lodge at the present.

We offer our thanks to M. W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites, P.G.M., for the vast fund of information in his Masonic Review for 1939.

Lodges, 292. Membership, 31,736. Loss, 687.

M. W. Grand Master - William J. Breckenridge.

R. W. Grand Secretary - Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

C.C.H.

NEVADA

"In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and the action of the Grand Lodge, June 10th, 1938, the Seventy-fifth Annual Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Nevada, was convened in the Masonic Temple in the City of Sparks, Nevada, and called to order by Elwood H. Beemer, M. W. Grand Master, at High Twelve, June 8th, A.L. 5939, A.D. 1939."

"There being a constitutional number of lodges represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada was opened in Ample Form, the V. R. Grand Chaplain offering a solemn prayer and the W. Grand Marshal making the Proclamation."

Alberta was not represented.

Following the opening, the Flag was presented before the Altar, saluted and placed in the East. An eloquent tribute to the Flag was offered by Bro. H. W. Edwards.

Masonry seems to be in a thriving condition in Nevada. The following item of information from the report of the Grand Secretary is almost startling:

"All the Constituent Lodges have submitted their annual returns and have paid all dues and fees in full. I am pleased to report that we have a net gain of eleven in membership."

It is noted that one fifty-year button was presented during the year to the Grand Tyler, Bro. Andy H. Smith.

The following extract informs us that the Grand Lodge of Nevada has begun the issue of a "Grand Lodge Bulletin" very similar to that distributed in Alberta:

"Beginning the first of December and with the approval of the Grand Master, there has been issued from the Grand Secretary's office a Bulletin that usually carried a message to the brethren of our State from the Grand Master and such news as was gleaned from the several lodges and also Grand Lodges of other states. The interest taken in this Bulletin by some of our smaller lodges and the compliments received from members of this Grand Lodge, warrants, I believe, the small expense for postage and supplies."

Nevada suffered severe losses by the death of two Past Grand Masters and the Deputy Grand Master:

- M. W. Past Grand Master Benjamin W. Coleman,
Grand Master, 1914-15.
- M. W. Past Grand Master C. W. Hinchcliffe,
Grand Master, 1889.
- R. W. Deputy Grand Master Frank Edward Murphy,
Deputy Grand Master, 1938-39.

Your reviewer was especially pleased with the memorial pages in the Proceedings.

The Grand Orator gave a particularly inspiring address on the topic, "Masonry and American Youth." The argument is so close throughout that quotation is inadvisable, but interested brethren are advised to consult the Nevada Proceedings.

At a Special Grand Communication held at Sparks, Nevada, October 15th, 1938, a corner stone was laid for a new public school building. On that occasion the Grand Orator delivered a fine address on the place and importance of education. From this the following extract is gleaned:

"Education from its own nature is a social thing. It is something that prepared a man to live with his fellows, to work with them and for them, to understand them, to get on well with them. It is a thing

that makes possible the fragrant saying that it is a good and beautiful thing for brethren to dwell together in unity, and since education is by nature a social thing, it is evident that education must be defined and managed by society itself, and for society's own good. It is because of this fact that Freemasonry is so keenly interested in and concerned for 'education of all the children of all the people'."

Another special feature of the Nevada Proceedings which we like is the inclusion of the history of one of the constituent lodges. It commends itself as an example which might be followed in other Proceedings.

The section devoted to Foreign Correspondence is particularly pleasing. The review for Alberta is appreciative, almost to the extent of being flattering. All the reviews show that those responsible for them studied with care and in detail the proceedings on which they are based.

"The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication will be holden in the City of Virginia City, Nevada, the second Thursday in June at High Twelve, the same being June 13, A.L. 5940, A.D. 1940."

Lodges, 38. Membership, 3,076. Increase, 11.

Grand Master—C. A. Carlson, Jr., Box 256, Reno, Nevada.

Grand Secretary—E. C. Peterson, Carson City, Nevada.

A.E.O.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in St. John on the 24th of August, 1939. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Thornton, presided.

M. W. Bro. Allan M. Wilson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was introduced and accorded Grand Honours.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Peter Fraser, Deputy Grand Master.

In his Address, the Grand Master refers to the loss sustained by the constituent lodges through withdrawals and suspensions and urges the lodges to form strong committees whose duty would be to interview these members with a view of having them brought back into active support of the work.

Reference is made to the visit of Their Most Gracious Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, and the installation, by His Majesty, of his brother H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of The United Grand Lodge of England, in succession to his uncle H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.

After quoting excerpts from the Antient Charges, the Grand Master impressed the need for "Silence and Circumspection", to refrain from discussing lodge matters outside; that a brother, knowing

a valid reason why an applicant should not be accepted, should see to it that the chairman of the committee or the Worshipful Master is so informed.

The Grand Master stresses regularity of attendance at lodge meetings as a most indispensable requisite for becoming a good Mason. That Grand Lodge should be better informed as to the financial standing of each constituent lodge.

He regrets the lack of knowledge of the Constitution and lodge By-laws, by Officers of lodges; he urges those Officers to make a study of them for the knowledge gained the better government of the lodge and the creation of better harmony and accord by the avoidance of errors.

The Seventy-fifth anniversary of this Grand Lodge is to be celebrated in 1942 and preparations are now under way for a suitable celebration of this great event in its history.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had not received Annual Reports from all lodges. The returns show a membership of 5,159 with a loss of 110; total lodges 44.

It may be of interest to note that of the Dispensations issued, seventeen were to confer degrees at short intervals, twenty-nine to inter with Masonic Ceremony.

The review of Fraternal Correspondence does not appear in the Proceedings.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication will be held at St. John, on Thursday, the 22nd of August, 1940.

M. W. Grand Master—John Thornton, St. John.

V. W. Grand Secretary—R. D. Magee, St. John.

J.M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire was convened in the City of Concord on May 17th, 1939, with M. W. Bro. Alexander McIntosh, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East, supported by his officers and a number of Past Grand Masters.

The following distinguished brethren were introduced: R. W. Bro. Wm. E. Hamner, Deputy Grand Master, Connecticut; M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Connecticut; M. W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, P.G.M., of Massachusetts.

The address of Grand Master McIntosh is a very readable document. Briefly reviewing the past he finds that the founders of Masonry in New Hampshire builded well and progress and advancement continue down to the present time.

The Grand Master attended the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on August 3rd, 1938, and there met the representatives of the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland who

had attended the celebrations at Nova Scotia, and he speaks of this as being a truly historic meeting and one to be remembered. Having had the privilege of meeting these distinguished brethren we heartily agree.

In the matter of Relief he reports that many applications had been received, but thanks to the Relief Fund all needy cases were attended to.

The Grand Master finds there is a great necessity for primary education in Freemasonry and submits a draft of a leaflet setting forth the Principles and Purposes of Freemasonry which he proposes to supply to the lodges, to accompany each application for initiation. It is a very commendable purpose and should be productive of much good.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, presents a very interesting report. He represented this Grand Lodge at the celebrations at Nova Scotia and gives a very glowing account of the ceremonies and entertainment afforded which he says will always remain a memory of one of his most pleasant Masonic experiences.

He tells his Grand Lodge that they have the nucleus of a Masonic Library, but until bookcases have been purchased and the services of a Librarian obtained to classify the material on hand, further purchases cannot intelligently be made. He therefore suggests that allocations be made annually to a fund to permit this being done in time.

M. W. Bro. Allan M. Wilson presented the resolution in which the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire reaffirmed its declaration of the principles of Masonry. The closing paragraph reads as follows:

"It further confirms its conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare, for Masonic Bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence, for or against any legislation or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of government officials or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties. The true Mason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience."

In these days when Masonry is being blamed for interfering with Government by the totalitarian powers, it would seem that just because Masonry stands for the right of the individual to think and act for himself, that that in itself is sufficient cause for their attitude towards our Fraternity and we cannot too frequently impress upon the members of our organization to maintain this glorious privilege at all costs.

The Dean of Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Sawyer, was presented with the Distinguished Service Medal. Long may he have the joy of wearing it.

M. W. Bro. Dresser presented the Fraternal Correspondence for the second time. His review of our 1938 Communication is complete and sympathetic.

M. W. Grand Master - Warren H. Tucker, Kingston.

R. W. Grand Secretary - J. Melvin Dresser, Concord.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held in Trenton, April 19th and 20th, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Arthur M. Dietrich, presiding.

During the year two Emergent Communications were held for the purpose of laying the corner stones of two Masonic Temples being erected in this jurisdiction.

The Annual Communication was exceptionally well attended as 274 of the Constituent Lodges were represented. Alberta's representative in the person of R. W. Bro. John R. Wiltzie answered the roll call, along with 72 other Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions.

M. W. Bro. Dietrich in his address to the Grand Lodge gave a full account of an exceptionally busy year, mentioning his visitations within the jurisdiction to the number of 133 and 11 to other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Master in his address covered the various activities of the Grand Lodge very fully and mentioned particularly that the Masonic Home was continuing its splendid work and that further fine work was being accomplished through the means of the Foundation Fund, which makes provision for members and their families outside the Masonic Home.

It is noted that the Grand Master dealt with the matter of initiation fees expressing the view that the same should not be too small and accordingly recommended that the minimum fee be increased from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for the three degrees of Craft Masonry. His recommendation was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge.

In this jurisdiction there was inaugurated during the year the program of holding District Meetings in each of their thirty-one Districts, which is similar to the practice observed in Alberta, and M. W. Bro. Dietrich reports that it proved very satisfactory. This would appear to be the best means of giving the Craft in all sections an opportunity of meeting the Grand Master and other officers, and in Alberta it has been found very beneficial.

There is a further recommendation made by the Grand Master regarding a matter which appears to be receiving consideration in different places now, and that is that "the time has arrived when it was desirable to express to our membership, as well as to all who do not belong to the Fraternity, a clear and concise Declaration of Masonic Principles." It is pleasing to note that his recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge. This is a question which is coming more to the front all the time and no doubt it will be dealt with by many other Grand Jurisdictions in the near future.

During the year it was found necessary to discontinue the Masonic Bureau as a Grand Lodge proposition due to the difficulty of financing it, but instead local Bureaus to care for the needs of their respective districts have been formed as the best means of handling the Bureau work and services.

The Proceedings contain addresses by distinguished visiting brethren from neighboring sister jurisdictions all of which contained timely remarks and suggestions, relative to Freemasonry in relation to present world conditions. One address which impressed this reviewer

very much was one copied into the Proceedings of New Jersey, which was given by R. W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Newton at the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Washington, D.C., and if space permitted we would copy that verbatim here. Space will not permit and we can only suggest that if you have the opportunity that you read that address.

It is interesting to note that the great majority of the lodges have had some candidates and the depreciation in membership is somewhat less than in the previous year so the outlook would appear to be brighter.

In the review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions the Alberta Communication of 1938 is fully reviewed by one of the distinguished brethren.

Lodges, 284. Membership, 75,497. Loss, 1,991.

M. W. Grand Master—Joseph C. Imhoff.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Isaac Cherry, Trenton.

J.A.L.

NEW MEXICO (1938)

The Sixty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque, October 17th to 19th, 1938, presided over by M. W. Grand Master, Alva L. Hamilton.

The meeting was well attended with 45 of the 54 lodges in the jurisdiction represented. Alberta was not represented.

M. W. Grand Master Hamilton gave a complete and comprehensive report of the activities during the year which indicated that a busy and almost successful year had been enjoyed. In his address to Grand Lodge he referred to the fact they had made a contribution to the Masonic Service Association for the assistance of Austrian Masons to help them and their families to get into Switzerland, after being ordered to leave Austria. Through the Masonic Service Association over \$2,000.00 was raised for this purpose in the United States, which is to be commended as a true practice of the principles of brotherly love and relief.

In referring to world conditions and the condition of the Craft in other parts of the world the Grand Master summed up his remarks in these words, "Let's make Masonry the watch-tower of liberty, and Masons the defenders of mankind against despotic tyrants." I am sure that we can all whole heartedly agree with this admonition to the Craft.

The great amount of work done along different lines by M. W. Bro. Hamilton in the interests of the Grand Lodge is indicated by his address and no doubt a great deal of benefit will accrue therefrom and from his various recommendations.

The Grand Lecturer, R. W. G. L. Machan, gave a detailed report of his work, which also indicated that he had spent a very busy year in visiting all but two of the constituent lodges as well as many special meetings. He spoke very highly of the degree work done by two lodges of Mexico City in the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and to get such commendation from Grand Lodge Officers

should no doubt be the ambition of every lodge in every jurisdiction. It is noted that the Funeral Service in this jurisdiction has been amended and the adopted service appears to be beautiful and fitting.

The Jurisdiction of New Mexico occupies rather a unique position as compared to the majority of other jurisdictions at this time in that it has been able to report an increase in membership. Although losses in other jurisdictions have been decreasing yet there are very few which show an increase such as is done here. Congratulations to you and may the good work continue.

The Alberta Proceedings have been fully and generously reviewed by the ever faithful Foreign Correspondent, M. W. Bro. John Milne.

Lodges, 54. Membership, 5,899. Increase, 67.

M. W. Grand Master—William M. Bickel.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

J.A.I..

NEW MEXICO (1939)

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Gallup on the 16th and 17th October, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William M. Bickel, presiding.

During the year six Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held for different purposes, one of which was for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of the late M. W. Bro. William B. Walton. It is with regret we learn of the passing of M. W. Bro. Walton, who has been the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in New Mexico for several years, and join with the brethren of New Mexico in mourning his passing to his great reward and express our sympathy for the great loss sustained by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

W. Bro. Harris K. Lyle of Gallup has been appointed as our representative near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and it is noted with pleasure that he answered the roll call on behalf of this jurisdiction at the Annual Communication.

At the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge forty-four chartered lodges were represented which comprised the large majority of the chartered lodges in the jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. Bickel in his address outlined a very full year's work, which in part included attendance at every constituent lodge in the jurisdiction as well as many meetings of a special nature, among which were the celebrations of Golden Jubilees by two lodges. Congratulations to each of them on 50 years of Masonic service.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master a change was made respecting life membership whereby a life membership can only be granted to a brother who has been a member for thirty-five years within the Grand Jurisdiction.

Conditions would appear to be very good in this jurisdiction and it is interesting to note from the Report of the Grand Lecturer that 32 of the 55 lodges in the jurisdiction own their buildings, which indicates the interest and the healthy condition prevailing.

The matter of proficiency on the part of the lodge officers has received consideration and on the recommendation of the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer a system of using Instructors and Deputy Lecturers is to be given a trial for one year. This is just another indication of the very efficient manner in which the affairs of this Grand Lodge are being attended to and developed.

In the Grand Lodge of New Mexico M. W. Bro. John Milne in presenting the Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence dealt with the matter which is apparently much to the fore in many jurisdictions and that is the creation of a National Grand Lodge or at least a National directing group as Bro. Milne refers to it. The meeting of Grand Masters of the United States jurisdictions suggested that the various Grand Lodges give serious consideration to the adoption of the "Declaration of Masonic Principles" and this matter was brought before this Communication but no definite action taken on it. After reading this Declaration it would appear that it could be used to very good advantage in the Alberta jurisdiction at least to the extent of having such placed in the hands of every member as a concrete and definite enunciation of the Principles of our Order.

The matter of Masonic Education has also received consideration and is being promoted and urged by the Grand Lodge and it is noted that this Jurisdiction publishes a Masonic magazine, which no doubt is found very acceptable and profitable to the brethren just as our monthly issue is found by the brethren of the Alberta Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter to one lodge which had been working under dispensation, thus bringing the number of chartered lodges to 55. Best wishes to Bethesda Lodge at Hot Springs.

It is indeed a pleasure and most encouraging to read and review the Proceedings to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, to see the activity and the serious consideration being given to matters concerning their jurisdiction, and to note that again they show a net increase in membership which is the exception rather than the general rule in most jurisdictions.

The Proceedings of Alberta have as usual been reviewed and recorded in the Grand Lodge Proceedings in a very fine manner.

Lodges, 55. Membership, 6,004. Increase, 105.

M. W. Grand Master—Louis C. Rockett.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

J. A. I.

NEW YORK

One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Communication held in New York City, May 2nd, 1939. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dana B. Hellings.

In approaching the Proceedings of a Grand Lodge with the age and standing of those of New York, one expects to find not only reports on the work of the Grand Lodge itself, but comment on the problems and puzzles which are present in the life of every other Grand Lodge, at least those on this North American Continent. And the reviewer is not disappointed.

Passing by the gracious ceremonial exercises, the appointment of committees and the greetings to distinguished visitors, the reviewer delves into the address of the Grand Master. Here he finds the comment he seeks for the education of his own brethren. Thus from Grand Master Dana B. Hellings:

"The practice of Masonry is not as easy as it was. This is a difficult day, bristling with problems. The problems are very concrete and in the first instance intimately confront the Lodges. The finances of the average brother are at low ebb and his resources depleted. Beyond the obstruction of money, there exists a substantial loss of interest, due to increasing outside diversions and lack of competing attraction in the Lodge, doubt as to the utility today of our Fraternity and the value of its return to the individual, and other undetermined causes. Life-memberships, unscientifically established, frequently constitute crushing burdens, over-balancing receipts from initiates, of whom there are too few. All of which results in shortage of dues, the collection of which becomes a hard task, in lack of attendance at lodge communications, in apathy and in discouragement."

After citing specific cases of "Masonic anemia"; top heavy life memberships including one lodge with sixty per cent of its members in the Life class; and some recent effort to increase the Masonic population, the Grand Master draws these conclusions:

"These problems can be solved but they must be attacked. We should not let our Craft drift upon the false assumption that in course of time and without effort on our part difficulties will automatically disappear and all will be well. The attack must be now. In it Grand Lodge should join. The growth of our Institution depends upon the sound foundation of the Lodge, and if that foundation becomes undermined to any degree Grand Lodge, with great concern, should hasten to make it secure. . . . It is a matter of administration rather than of legislation. It will squarely confront the leadership of the immediate future. It requires the earnest thought of all."

So without confusing the general issues with local problems is stated what this reviewer believes to be the case of North American Freemasonry today. "So what" seems the irreverent but embracing question for embryo Grand Masters in the next decade!

On Ritual the Grand Lecturer has this to say:

"At the Conventions (read District meetings if you will) particular stress has been laid on the matter of the interpretation of our Ritual. This is important for what does it avail to speak a language the meaning of which is understood neither by the speaker nor by the hearers? There is much beneath the surface which is necessary for an intelligent rendition of our Ritual. A mere uttering of the words, however accurate, is not in itself sufficient."

To which we add a heartfelt "aye."

Among questions put to the Grand Master is one dealing with the lottery evil from another angle. Should a Masonic lodge accept a part of the proceeds of a lottery operated by a non-Masonic body for charitable purposes? The Grand Master answers in the only way we believe he could: "By accepting a donation, the lodge countenances a lottery, which is illegal in this State. It is certainly . . . against the principles and ideals of Masonry."

Here is discussion on a point of order of which our Grand Lodge might well take heed. The debater is P.G.M. Townsend Scudder: "I am going to suggest that we go back to our good old fashioned rule which has helped to keep us all well informed upon what was done by Grand Lodge, namely, that our several Committees in their reports do not move that their recommendations be adopted, but that each recommendation be incorporated in a separate resolution and presented to Grand Lodge in resolution form."

We have seen many an important point buried in a Committee Report and carried as part of the report without the discussion which the single point deserved, hence our quoting this piece of debate.

The Grand Master's Medal for distinguished achievement was presented to R. W. Bro. Roscoe Pound, "eminent citizen, lawyer, educator, scientist, philosopher and Freemason."

In a reasoned address in reply, R. W. Bro. Pound said that the three ideals for Masonry and for the world which "contribute powerfully to the mastery over internal nature on which our material civilization rests" are "the idea of universality, the idea of building and the idea of life measured by reason."

Several lodges in Syria are daughters of New York and to one of them, Lodge Ibrahim El Khalil No. 4, is given a gift of \$500.00 as approval of Grand Lodge of the Lodge's efforts and accomplishments.

The Ceremony of Installation of Officers is one of some pomp and dignity and one which we might in some small measure copy as substitute for the rather sketchy and ill-attended installation we perpetrate.

Commemoration services, including the laying of a wreath at the Statue of Washington on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his inauguration as President of the United States, appear in full form. We note that an ex-Edmontonian, Bro. P. Knight MacGregor, appeared as soloist on the occasion.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address makes several terse comments including this: "The Craft would benefit materially if all existing life membership plans were to be abolished."

The Library Board, as answer to the question: "What can Masonry offer to its members to offset the growing appeal of the radio, the automobile, and the general acceleration of daily life?" gives this: "More Masonry." To which we are tempted to ask: "But how?"

Grand Historian Ossian Lang continues his studies of The Rise of Freemasonry with a paper "Getting Back to Scotland via Strassburg", an excellent piece of historical research ably presented as always.

In the lengthy Report on Correspondence, Alberta is given generous mention.

One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Annual Communication to be held in New York City, May, 1940.

Lodges, 1,036. Membership, 255,461. Loss, 6,583.

Grand Master—Dana B. Hellings, Buffalo.

Grand Secretary—Charles H. Johnson, New York.

A.M.M.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The Proceedings reviewed are of three Special and four Quarterly Communications ending June 14th, 1939.

The distinguishing feature of the volume is the report of the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held on October 5th, 1938, at which the Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was celebrated, and at which the Governor General of the Commonwealth was again proclaimed Grand Master.

For this occasion the Official Historians of the Grand Lodge compiled a History of Masonry in Australia, presentation copies of which were made to the Grand Master and to the Pro Grand Master. The latter, Colonel F. A. Maguire, delivered an address which described the events of the period from the first appearance of the organization to the present day, which is of great interest. He takes a glance at the possibilities of the future and concludes with the words:

"It is simply because we can move so rapidly from place to place—simply because these mighty powers have been placed in our hands—that the world is sometimes in such a state of tension; because we realize that these great and potent forces can be used for evil as well as for good. Let it be the task of Masonry in the days to come to use its influence so that the hidden mysteries of nature and science may be placed at the disposal of the good, and not of the evil, forces of the world."

The Proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges are reviews as a whole under separate headings as follows:

Condition of the Craft.	Grand Masters Addresses.
British Freemasonry.	Education.
Charity and Benevolence.	Jurisprudence.
Grand Lodges.	Clandestine Masonry.
Intoxicating Liquors.	Life Membership.
District Deputy Grand Masters.	Trials.
Making a Mason at Sight.	Etc.

This section of the Proceedings is strongly recommended to any brother in search of a knowledge of applied Masonry throughout the world, and of the matters which are considered by executives. Some

very pungent criticism is offered. Of especial interest is the report on matters of inter-Grand Lodge jurisdiction in the United States, where proprietary interests in Masons are claimed and exercised perhaps to a greater extent than elsewhere in the world, and which seem in conflict with the idea that Masonry, as distinguished from membership in the Masonic Order is a philosophy of giving not getting. But it is of interest to observe the use of the expression "the common law of Masonry."

Recognition is extended to the Grand Lodge of Columbia (Barranquilla) and refused in the case of the Grand Lodge of Palestine.

It is with regret that the resignation due to ill health of M. W. Bro. David Cunningham was received. This worthy brother filled the offices of Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary for a period of some twenty-seven years, and it is apparent that the condition of Masonry and of the Institution in New South Wales have benefitted by his services. His place was taken by R. W. Bro. J. S. Miller, Assistant Grand Secretary, and the declining years of M. W. Bro. Cunningham provided for by a pension.

Masonry is a very active force in the State of New South Wales and finds expression through many channels all of which are not strictly and directly Masonic. The strictly Masonic institutions, such as schools and hospitals, are well supported not only with money but with influence and attention. Discipline is maintained strictly by the Grand Officers and the Board of General Purposes, and those who transgress against the law of the State automatically receive Masonic punishment which is in many cases the extreme penalty of expulsion.

W.R.D.

NEW ZEALAND (1938)

The Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, A.F. & A.M., was held on November 23, 1938, in the Masonic Temple Christ Church. It was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Viscount Galway who was renominated to the position by a large number of lodges and brethren, and the election was confirmed by the Grand Lodge as a whole.

The various institutions were active during the year under review, and as usual, received generous support from all quarters. Very much the larger percentage of the funds supplied were in the voluntary class. From time to time the Grand Master made special appeals to the brethren for various objects, and from this source alone was received a sum of approximately \$1,250.00. Those contributions which are classed as "Voluntary" amounted to some \$1.35 per capita of the membership, and it appears that at the installation of new members their attention is called to this matter.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge Cuzcutlan at San Salvador in Central America.

It is noticed that Provincial Grand Masters serve for longer terms than one year as in Alberta. Of those retiring this year one had served

for seven and the other for four years. This is probably one of the reasons why the Masonic spirit is so active in the Dominion of New Zealand.

There are two institutions connected with the Grand Lodge for the care and maintenance of children, both of which are flourishing from a financial point of view. But the Paparuka Masonic Home appears for some reason to be ineffective out of all proportion to the amount of its endowment and income. It would appear as if the difficulty lay in the terms of the "Trust Fund" which according to the report of the President "may require to be enlarged." In conflict with the report of the governing body of the Home there appears a statement that when the report of the General Purposes Committee was being considered by Grand Lodge under the heading "Paparuka Masonic Home" there appears a statement that the Grand Lodge had every reason to be gratified with the "splendid work" being done at the home.

No section of the Proceedings is devoted to Foreign Correspondence. The reviews of the work of Foreign Bodies appear monthly in the magazine "The Craftsman".

One of the Provincial Grand Masters mentions in his report that he was pleased to note the efforts of the higher members of the Craft to satisfy the demands for information pertaining to it.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was not present at the Annual Communication, but sent his apology for his absence.

There are 302 active lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 25,788.

W.R.D.

NEW ZEALAND (1939)

The Fiftieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, A.F. & A.M., was held in the Town Hall, Auckland, on November 29th, 1939. It was presided over by the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Viscount Galway, whose retirement this year gave him the duty of conducting the election of his successor. A large number of nominations from lodges and members were made in favour of the Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Ronaldson, whose election was formally confirmed by the Grand Lodge. The retiring Grand Master, who had served for three years, was presented with a set of regalia, and in addressing the Grand Lodge referred very kindly to his term of office as Grand Master and as Governor of the Dominion. Among other remarks he said, "Above all, I appeal to you most strongly to exercise not only the philanthropy of the purse, but charity of the heart." The various Provincial Grand Masters in their reports afford ample evidence of the activities of M. W. Bro. Viscount Galway.

The various institutions in the care of the Grand Lodge have, as usual received generous support, all of which is voluntary, the only compulsory contribution being for the activities of the Grand Lodge itself.

The Board of Benevolence report is of interest in that it refers to the difficulties which it faced in consequence of the passing by Parliament of "The Social Service Act". Many of those who benefitted by grants from the Masonic Body were able to forego same, being now amply provided for by the State, and in other cases the Board had to do some exhaustive enquiring so that they in turn would not prejudice a recipient's claim upon State Funds. The Board remarks that it was noticeable that the increased income was accompanied by an increase in the standard of living and that in consequence grants by the Board would still be necessary to supplement the allowances under the State provisions. The Annual charge on the Boards funds was reduced this year by some \$12,500.00, but of course such reduction could not be expected each succeeding year.

It speaks very highly of the sacrificial charity of the Masons of New Zealand to be informed that the average contribution of the members PER CAPITA to the various funds was some \$1.25. All of these funds are classed as Voluntary, and of course there must have been made contributions which exceeded the above mentioned sum.

Among the interesting events disclosed in the Proceedings was the recommendation which was adopted to remit the Grand Lodge dues of all members who were on active service and whose dues were remitted by their lodges. Another was the appointment of a representative of the Grand Lodge Cuzcutlan of Salvador.

Arrangements were proposed at this communication for the celebration of the jubilee of the Grand Lodge and the centenary of the formation of the first lodge in the Dominion. Among other proposals there is one to establish bursaries for the assistance of young people in buying books necessary in the secondary and advanced schools.

It is interesting to observe the ages of some of the lodges in New Zealand. It is reported that two lodges celebrated their Jubilee during the past year, while three attained the age of 60 years, three others exceeding the last mentioned figure.

No amendments to the Constitution were made which were of anything but local interest, but when dealing with the amendments the editor prints the original regulation, and side by side with it, the regulation as amended, which enables the reader to take a very intelligent grasp of the affair.

The various rulings of the Board of General Purposes on matters of ritual and ceremony are printed and attached to the Proceedings as an appendix.

There are now 303 lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 26,225.

W.R.D

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NORTH DAKOTA

The Golden Jubilee Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was held in Grand Forks on June 19th, 20th and 21st, 1939, and was in every respect an outstanding Masonic occasion. The arrangements for the celebration of such an important anniversary were carried out with the greatest care and the whole ceremony was a worthy commemoration of the institution of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Robert E. Trousdale, Grand Master, presided and there were 21 P.G.M.'s in attendance as well as 13 members of 50 years standing. This latter group of distinguished members of the Craft included two of the charter officers of the Grand Lodge and one brother, Col. John W. Carroll, 95, a former Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, the Grand Body which preceded the present Grand Lodges of North Dakota and South Dakota. Col. Carroll is one of the two surviving veterans of the Civil War now resident in North Dakota and he was presented to the Grand Lodge by two Worshipful Brethren, sons of officers who fought in the army of the South while Col. Carroll fought in the army of the North.

Fifteen Grand Jurisdictions in the United States were represented and Canada was represented by R. W. Bro. Jno. A. Dobbie, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and by M. W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, Grand Master, the D.G.M., the Grand Secretary and three P.G.M.'s of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Alberta's representative, W. Bro. Wm. J. Hutcheson, was present.

Greetings from the United States Grand Jurisdictions to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota were given by M. W. Bro. J. E. Perry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Bro. Perry's address was one of the best Masonic addresses ever delivered to the Grand Jurisdiction and fortunately is printed in the Proceedings where it should be read. M. W. Bro. Lawrence brought the greetings of the nine Grand Lodges of Canada and stressed the importance of the close and harmonious relations between the Grand Bodies and their members north and south of the border. Bro. Perry presented the Henry Price Medal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to M. W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, now in his thirtieth year of service, and the Joseph Warren Medal to W. Bro. Wm. J. Hutcheson, executive secretary of the Masonic Service and Education Committee, now in his eighteenth year of service and Alberta's representative near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Both medals are awarded annually by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for outstanding Masonic service.

The special anniversary program included in the afternoon session a special ode to the occasion, composed by a brother, a special hymn, the words and music of which were composed by two brothers for this anniversary, an address by the Grand Historian giving the salient points of the 50 years of the Grand Lodge's existence and the anniversary address which was delivered by R. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. Bro. Claudy's address which was not printed in the Proceedings was an able and unusually fitting presentation of some of the things which have made North Dakota Masonry of such enduring value. M. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M. of Manitoba, who accompanied M. W. Bro. Lawrence, presented to the Grand Lodge a beauti-

fully bound typewritten book giving the story of Pembina Lodge of 1863-64 later transferred to Ft. Garry, now Winnipeg.

A dinner at which 590 Masons sat down followed the afternoon ceremonies and at the dinner the address was given by W. Bro. F. L. Eversull, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. The dinner was followed by an historical play in three episodes which depicted the settlement of the Dakota territory and the establishment of Masonry there and the institution of the Grand Lodge. The play was directed by W. Bro. Orrin Libby, Grand Historian, and Professor of History at the University of North Dakota. Bro. Libby wrote the first episode and the second and third episodes were written by M. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas of Manitoba.

A comprehensive historical exhibit planned by the Grand Lodge Librarian, Miss Richards, was an important feature of the celebration and photographs and other historical material from 71 lodges as well as Grand Bodies and individuals were on display throughout the three days.

The ordinary business of Grand Lodge was conducted with rather more expedition than usual in order to free the time for the 50th anniversary celebrations, but the problems of the Jurisdiction were not neglected.

The introduction of the United States and Canadian flags, a regular part of the opening ceremony of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was greeted by the singing of one verse of "America", one verse of "God Save the King" and the following verse:

"Two empires by the sea,
Two nations great and free,
One anthem raise.
One race of ancient fame
One tongue, one faith we claim
One God Whose glorious name
We love and praise."

Difficulty had been experienced during the year and in previous years in collecting dues from some lodges. The total amount now owing by constituent lodges to Grand Lodge totalled about \$3,900.00 and a special committee was set up to work out a method of collecting this large sum. Sums were owing from lodges in both good and bad districts.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin had been sent out four times and each issue ran from 24 to 36 pages.

Three lodge rooms had been destroyed by fire and in one of these the charter was burnt.

Two Past Grand Masters, Bro. J. W. Foley and Bro. W. L. Williamson, had been called by death.

The Committee on Masonic Service and Education had had another active year. 1,512 boys and girls had entered the oratorical contest and the first and second prize winners were girls. Twenty-two lodges of the Jurisdiction had taken up some special activity during the year. Historical sites were kept up and the cottage at the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium and the cabin at the camp were both maintained in good condition.

Recognition was granted to the National Grand Lodge of Palestine and to the Grand Lodge of Colombia.

Bro. Andrew Miller, a native of Denmark, was formally invested by the Grand Secretary with the jewel and commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. The commission was signed by King Christian as Grand Master.

This was undeniably a communication famed for its addresses. With Bro. Lewis, Bro. Claudy, Bro. Lawrence and Bro. Libby and the others should be included Bro. A. G. Burr, Grand Orator, who gave a scholarly and thoughtful address at the regular session on "A Continuing Experiment."

North Dakota is a Jurisdiction only slightly larger than our own and similar in many ways so that its experiences are of particular value in considering our own problems. Their Grand Lodge staff is considerably larger than ours. The Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Secretary, and two stenographers are in the Grand Lodge office. The Librarian and an assistant have charge of the Grand Lodge library which renders great service to the public as well as to the Craft, extending far beyond the boundaries of the Jurisdiction. The Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Committee is another full time official. Salaries run something over \$10,000.00, of which about half is a charge on ordinary Grand Lodge revenue and the other half is apparently met from special taxation on the lodges. Mileage is also paid.

The reviews of foreign jurisdictions do not include Alberta.

Lodges, 124. Membership, 11,143. Loss, 313.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry W. Gill, Pembina.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.

F.P.G.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia convened at Halifax, on Wednesday, the 14th June, 1939, with M. W. Bro. N. T. Avard presiding.

By reason of the visit of Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth, in Nova Scotia that day, the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment to reassemble on June 16th.

Following the opening ceremonies Divine Service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain assisted by "Brethren of the Cloth", and appropriate music by the Masonic Quartette.

The Address of the Grand Master completes his third term of office and he reports that many encouraging things have been recorded during the past year. There has been much activity in every section of the jurisdiction and a large number of new members added to the rolls. Special attention was given to the "Suspension" problem with a view to reclaiming to membership those of worthy calibre that should

be brought back into the ranks. Nine District Meetings were held, all of which were well attended and reports indicated renewed interest and growing activity.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters annually held at Washington, D.C., which he addressed on the subject of "Discipline for Unmasonic Conduct". The "Declaration of Principles" designed to combat the many false and scurrilous statements circulated by the enemies of Masonry, are set forth in the Address and should impress Masons of their ideals and responsibilities as members of a Great Craft.

The Report of the Grand Historian, M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, tells of the celebration by Albion Lodge No. 5, of its One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of this lodge. Two other lodges celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversaries.

A very excellent Report of the Committee on Bi-Centenary Celebrations of 1938 was also presented by M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris. The commemoration was undoubtedly the outstanding event in Masonry in Canada during the past year. A special silver jewel was struck by Grand Lodge and bronze replicas were given to the official guests and Grand Masters or Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges not represented. Altogether the Committee are gratified with the manner in which this celebration was carried out and the many lasting friendships established thereby. Major R. L. Lloyd, O.B.E., M.C., one of the visiting delegates representing the United Grand Lodge of England, presented Grand Lodge with a set of gavels made from the Grand Stair Rail from the Masonic Hall in London, erected in 1771 and which was razed in 1931 in order to erect the new Hall.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations constitutes a resume of conditions as they affect Masonry in Europe today. Masonic darkness covers all lands of reaction, rebellion and unrest.

In an effort to bolster up the finances of Grand Lodge the usual Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence and Reviews of Proceedings are omitted from the 1939 Proceedings.

M. W. Grand Master—Angus J. Macdonald.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James Clarence Jones.

W.I.

OHIO

M. W. Bro. Harry Meyer conducted the One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Sessions of this Grand Lodge at Columbus, on October 18th, 19th, 1939.

Alberta's representative, Bro. Hermon N. George, was present.

Among the addresses of welcome was one by Bro. Bricker, the Governor of Ohio, in which he referred to the abolition of Masonry by decree in certain countries and remarked, "The spirit of Masonry cannot be abolished by edict or by decree."

The Committee on Credentials reported 623 of 625 lodges represented, a large percentage by one or more of the principal officers.

The Grand Chaplain warns that our 'heritage of liberty is now imperiled. Not that we are in grave danger from a lot of foreign radicals. I think that we pay these obnoxious groups too high a compliment when we give them the publicity they crave above everything else' . . . "We need to be on our guard against a Fascism of our own." He thinks that, without changing the Ritual or Landmarks or Charges, we must make new and daring applications of old principles.

The Grand Master's address was full of constructive criticism and advice as to improvements that could be effected in the State. A member of the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia who was visiting a lodge in Ohio with proper credentials for the year 1937-38 was unable to continue in good standing due to disorganization of his Grand Lodge. The Grand Master decided that the lodge should permit the brother to continue to visit.

M. W. Bro. Meyer reported that \$500.00 had been sent to each of the following Foreign Jurisdictions for aid of distressed Masons: Chile, South America, for earthquake sufferers; Grand Lodge Alpina, for relief of 150 families of Austrian and Czech refugees; and to France for the Spanish refugees in concentration camps.

In speaking of the value of the lodge secretary, he quoted: "A good secretary alone may not make a lodge, but a poor one soon can wreck it."

Two representatives of Ohio who attended the Installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, gave a very interesting report.

The Code ruling that bars from membership anyone engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor is modified to read: "To engage in the selling of intoxicating liquors to be drunk upon the premises where sold . . ." debars from membership.

Through lack of space we are unable to more than mention a splendid bulletin entitled "Philosophy of Liberty" prepared by Bro. Arthur M. Hyde.

A very complete report of the conduct and activities of the Ohio Masonic Home is given by the Superintendent. It gives a complete list of the 229 men, 174 women, 83 boys and 58 girls enrolled. It must be very gratifying to be a contributor to such a worthy enterprise.

M. W. Bro. Earle Stewart, in his topical review refers to the Order of DeMolay which Ohio recognizes and sponsors. It is an organization for boys between the ages of 15 and 21. That it forms a good groundwork for Masonry, is the opinion of Bro. Stewart.

He also quotes at some length from the address of M. W. Bro. Dunlop of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the subject of District Deputy Grand Masters. These officers would be well advised to procure a copy of this address which is recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1939.

Past Grand Master Denslow of Missouri is quoted as warning against the danger of taking sides for or against Communism, Fascism or in the defense of Democracy, or any of several other issues: "However insidious the temptation . . . that danger must be avoided. Our individual members ought to play their part . . . but as an Organization we must hold fast to our true functions".

We appreciate the generous review accorded Alberta. Our Grand Master's reference to the condition of Masonry and to the Royal Visit of Their Majesties is quoted. We would respectfully draw M. W. Bro. Stewart's attention to the mis-spelling of M. W. Bro. West's name. "Wise" is quite fitting but for the matter of record a correction should be noted.

1940 Communication to be held in Canton, Ohio, October 16th, 17th, 1940.

623 Lodges. 173,318 Members. Net loss, 1,380. Deaths, 2,855.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Dillon Crist, Alliance, Ohio.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

W.D.

OKLAHOMA

The Thirty-first Annual Communication was held in Tulsa on February 14th, 15th and 16th, 1939.

M. W. Bro. John R. Abernathy, Grand Master, presided and there were seventeen Past Grand Masters present. Alberta was not represented.

In his address the Grand Master was emphatic regarding the benefit he had received from his attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters and strongly urged that the Grand Secretary be authorized to attend the Conference of Grand Secretaries held at the same time. The recommendation was endorsed by Grand Lodge. The Grand Master gave addresses at the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star and at the State Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow.

Twelve corner stones were laid including one for a monument enclosing the grave of a brother, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, born in Mississippi in 1808. Another corner stone was that of the Will Rogers Memorial Building at Claremore.

Dispensations issued included those for the meeting of a lodge in a one-story building; for a lodge to rent its hall to the local I.O.O.F. lodge for meeting purposes; for a lodge to hold a joint installation with the Order of the Eastern Star; for a lodge to confer the E. A. Degree on a candidate on the night of his election.

Instruction in ritual work was again carried out in a thorough manner. 78 schools of instruction were held lasting 317 days, by the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Custodians and their staff. The Grand School was held for the six days preceding Grand Lodge and had an average daily attendance of 404. A special two day school was held for D.D.G.M.'s.

92 adults and 61 children were resident in the Children's and the Old Folks' Homes, operated by the Masonic Homes Board. The institutions had had another successful year and were capably managed. The Masonic Homes News was published in the Home print shop each month and circulated to the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction. Each month the Grand Master contributed a short article, a privilege he valued highly. A moving picture of the activities of the Home had been prepared and was shown to Grand Lodge. It was being shown at lodges throughout the jurisdiction, the Superintendent of the Home giving the accompanying talk and the Home engineer operating the projector.

The passing of M. W. Bro. Robt. Patterson, of Alberta, was noted in the report on the fraternal dead. Owing to the death of M. W. Bro. T. C. Humphry in 1937, followed by the death of R. W. Bro. W. R. Chestnut, in 1938, a few months after his appointment as Fraternal Correspondent, the reviews of other jurisdictions are limited in number and do not include Alberta.

An unusual and interesting feature of the Grand Lodge proceedings was an able address at one of the evening sessions by the youngest Master Mason in the Jurisdiction, who had been raised only a few days earlier. He was Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Temple Israel, Tulsa.

Two lodges amalgamated with two other lodges during the year.

Lodges, 422. Membership, 45,544. Decrease, 1,114.

M. W. Grand Master—Chas. H. Everett, Ardmore.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Claude A. Sturgeon, Guthrie.

F.P.G.

OREGON

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon was opened in Ample Form in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, S. W. Park Avenue and Main Street, Portland, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, June 14th, 1939, by M. W. Bro. Franklin C. Howell, Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented owing to the regretted death of M. W. Bro. Edgar High Sensenich, P.G.M., who passed away on June 11th just before the session of Grand Lodge. Alberta was honored in having such a distinguished Masonic brother as its representative near the Grand Lodge of Oregon. He appears to have been in the fullest sense of "great skill, true and trusty and held in high esteem by his brothers and fellows." From the eulogy delivered by Percy R. Kelly, P.G.M., the following quotation from a previous address by our late representative is gleaned:

"Will you permit me to quote a statement of his: 'I dislike however, to judge Masonry by what I get out of it. I prefer to regard it as a highly organized method of service to others. I doubt not that when each of us approaches his end, we will be less concerned about what we have done for ourselves than what we have done for others

and when that time does come, the true Mason will, in my judgment, have the least troublesome conscience'."

The Grand Master's address gives evidence of a year very full in Masonic labor. There are many excellent things in it, but space permits only the following selection, a section dealing with delinquent dues and remittances:

"We are now experiencing the result of mistakes made over twenty years ago when our doors were too wide open to those who sought entry. Admission was too easy. Investigating committees did not properly function. The fear of criticism by friends of the applicant often deterred a negative vote which would otherwise have been cast. The applicant was not 'prepared', never appreciated his responsibility and has never given. The result is that we have, and will have for years to come, a burden of relief that is out of all proportion to our membership. Where there are long intervals lying between our conduct and its consequences, where one generation sows and another reaps, there the greatest and most sorrowful of human errors originate. When a brother feels that he can get along without his Masonry or that his lodge means nothing to him he should be dropped. 'It were better then he had never entered here.'

"I have heard a Secretary in a lodge announce the doctrine: 'Once a Mason, always a Mason'. I do not subscribe to that theory. Masonry is work and action. Masonry is not passive. The theory and foundation of our Order is to give, not to receive. The only wages Masonry offers are the rewards of service. The current flows from the individual to his lodge and to his brethren and it continues to so flow until he is in distress or in need; then it is reversed and our duty is positive and continuing. The brother who can pay his dues and will not is no longer a Mason, because Masonry is of no use to him and he is of no benefit to the Order."

From the oration given by Charles F. Walker, Grand Orator and which deserves much more extended mention than can be given, I quote the following concluding paragraph:

"Our organization, despite the narrow horizon that seems sometimes to have fallen upon us in these days of material needs and mental applications, is a spiritual organization, dedicated not to make men rich that they may in their leisure acquire spiritual graces, but to make men spiritual that they may in their power acquire riches . . . riches of undreamed beauty and power . . . to liberate . . . to alleviate . . . and to redeem the individual in all his environments and the nations in all their entanglements."

The extensive operations of the Grand Lodge of Oregon presents problems quite foreign to Alberta. Their liberal expenditures on charity such as the Masonic Home and the like, present them with financial difficulties quite unknown to us. It may, however, well be the case that the struggle necessary to maintain such a worthwhile objective is in the long run good for the health of the organization.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it was of interest to note that the general financial situation is improved, as there was an increase under the three headings of Grand Lodge assets, income from dues, and in the Home and Endowment Fund.

The membership figures show a net decrease of 117, representing the smallest shrinkage in any year for the last eight years.

Oregon follows the practice of presenting fifty year buttons, and during the 1938-39 year twenty-five such buttons were presented.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence printed in the form of a supplement to the Grand Lodge Proceedings is a particularly fine document. Alberta received generous attention in a review of three pages. The reviewer seemed to be particularly pleased with the report of our Grand Master. The findings of the foreign correspondent, M. W. Bro. O. C. Hagmeier, are summed up in the foreword of his report. The following paragraphs are well worth pondering:

"Conditions in general throughout the Craft showed improvement—attendance increased, applications for the degrees likewise were more numerous, while losses through exclusion for non-payment of dues were distinctly less, but they were of sufficient number along with the natural reduction through death, to offset all increase and result in a reduction of total membership for the year 1938. This loss for the year was so small compared to that of any year since 1930 as to lead one to confidently believe that the time was near at hand when an actual increase will be the order.

"This writer expects that this increase will be slow, basing his convictions on several factors. Of these the most important is the rapidly increasing average age of the men making up our membership, due to the dearth of young men during the past decade who were financially able to meet the expenditure necessitated in joining a lodge. This ageing of our membership naturally will result in an increase in the percentage death rate.

"The second factor has to do with the young men of the present time. Their difficulties are in the majority of instances financial. In some the lack of regular employment makes for uncertainty of the future and necessitates retrenchment in present expenditures. Others although gainfully employed, have an apparent need, together with an overwhelming desire, which when brought in contact with present day sales methods results in a finance company holding a mortgage on his earnings for several years and he the owner in appearance at least, of a motor car. The social standing of a young man of today depends more on his ability to go places with gasoline than it does on his affiliation or membership in a fraternal organization."

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon provide a veritable mine of Masonic information. In addition to full and detailed statistical and other information about the affairs of its own Jurisdiction it gives a complete list of the Grand Secretaries with their addresses for all the regular Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon will be held at Portland, Oregon, June 12th to 14th, in 1940, commencing at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Lodges, 199. Membership, 24,206. Decrease, 117.

Grand Master—Leif S. Finseth, Dallas, Oregon.

Grand Secretary—D. Rufus Cheney, Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon.

A.E.O.

PARAIBA, BRAZIL

Historical Record (its first publication) issued December 31, 1938.

Founded August 24, 1927. Is one of ten Grand Lodges in Brazil. Is composed of six lodges in Paraiba and one in Rio Grande del Norte, with total membership of 625, the oldest lodge dating from 1898.

A ban was placed upon Masonic meetings throughout Brazil in October, 1937, but it was lifted as far as this Grand Lodge was concerned in June, 1938, and the record notes an increase in membership during the six months following the resumption of activities of 31, by 28 initiates and 3 affiliates.

The Grand Treasurer reports that the financial situation is satisfactory, but neither balance sheet nor revenue statement is published.

The following institutions are controlled by the Order:

Hospital PEDRO I (public), with 3 wards with capacity of 60 beds, 2 convalescent wards, isolation ward, ambulance, operation room, maternity service and X-ray apparatus. This hospital receives federal, state and municipal aid but is managed by one of the lodges.

Two Public Libraries, with several thousand volumes and an important collection of maps, with reading rooms with reference facilities, periodicals, etc.

A Grand Lodge Masonic reference library.

G.B.T.

PENNSYLVANIA

This Grand Lodge meets quarterly and at its communication held on March 1, 1939, they adopted a "Declaration of Principles" which was approved at the Grand Masters' Conference of 1939. It follows the lines laid down by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles, but goes into more detail in defining the several aspects of Masonry. The Grand Master was empowered to make the Declaration public and to authorize it to be made public from time to time as he may deem desirable.

At the September quarterly the Grand Master made an interesting report of his attendance at the Installation Ceremonies in London, England. He was greatly impressed with the enormous gathering in Olympia and the dignity of the proceedings. He said, "The Installation Ceremony as conducted by His Majesty the King was as well done as any Masonic Ceremony I have seen." He noted the graciousness of His Majesty, when having seated the newly installed Grand Master on the Throne, he stepped down upon the floor and joined his Masonic brethren in saluting the Grand Master with Grand Honors. Another incident was when the King retired, he paused at the top of the stairway, turned to look back over the audience and waved his hand in friendly, informal farewell.

He referred to the evident loyalty to King, Country and Craft with which that vast assemblage was vibrant and the unanimity of the British people, with their calm, cool, cheerful courage in the shadow of the uncertainty of war, and said: "God grant that shadow may not fall upon our nation. Should it come, I can wish for no better thing for us than that we with equal loyalty may face it as unitedly and with like courage."

At the quarterly communication on December 6th, Grand Lodge amended the Constitution setting the initiation fees for lodges in the City of Philadelphia at a minimum of \$75.00, in other incorporated cities and Alleghany County at \$50.00, while in the City of Scranton and the remainder of this jurisdiction at \$40.00. These minimum fees are in addition to the fee required for the Masonic Homes of \$40.00.

The Grand Master, having realized that Grand Lodge had no banner or standard for public occasions and Grand Lodge ceremonies, presented a resolution, with appropriate preamble describing the banner, and recommended that such be adopted for use from time to time as directed by the Grand Master. Grand Lodge approved.

At this communication the Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year are elected and Bro. Wm. H. Brehn was elected as Right Worshipful Grand Master. There follows in the Proceedings many pages carrying records of various funds, securities and other financial matters, which show the vast sums dealt in by this Grand Lodge. Many of these funds running up into thousands of dollars are bequests which have been left for the benefit of the Masonic Homes, and total nearly eighteen million in invested funds.

The report on the Masonic Homes shows they have 609 guests in these Homes, of all ages. They have found that there is such an increase in the number of applications for admittance that they are unable to avoid a waiting list, conditions being such that only the most destitute and appealing cases can be admitted. Consequently the Home Assistance Plan has been extended and has worked quite successfully in nearly all cases, being administered much the same as our own benevolence in Alberta. Their committee appealed to the lodges to understand the troubles and difficulties that face the committee and asked for their co-operation. They find that the lodges seem to prefer sending their beneficiaries to the Masonic Home in preference to assisting them in their own homes, the committee saying that the intended applicants are frequently happier in their own home environment than they would be in the Masonic Homes. It is evident that this Grand Lodge, with all its wealth, finds it difficult to cope with the demands made upon it, due no doubt to the long years of depression.

There is a fine description of their Masonic Library building which contains a Masonic Museum and is operated by a Librarian and his staff at a cost of something like \$8,000.00 a year.

The Grand Master issued an edict against gambling, by lotteries or any other means, for the benefit of any Masonic lodge, association or other organization in Pennsylvania whose members are required to have membership in the Masonic Fraternity, forbidding any member of the Masonic Fraternity in that jurisdiction to be a party to such. Grand Lodge approved of this edict and it will be interesting to see how it is enforced.

J.H.W.S.K.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Twenty-seventh Annual Communication held at Manila, January 26th, 1939. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jose Abad Santos.

Each time, since we have been privileged to review the Proceedings of the Philippines, we approach the latest volume with a certain sense of adventure and admiration for the quite apparent sincerity of these brethren so different from us in the Far North in culture, race and environment. They are different in local patriotism but with Marcus Aurelius we may mutually agree that "My city and country, so far as I am Antoninus, is Rome, but so far as I am a man, it is the world".

M. W. Bro. Conrado Benitez, our respected Grand Representative, was present.

The Grand Master begins his address by reporting the healing of the breach with Massachusetts and the British Grand Lodges over jurisdiction in China. The solution seems to be common jurisdiction and the agreement bringing about this desirable state of affairs appears in the Proceedings.

The Chinese brethren, under war conditions, are faring badly but the Philippines came to their rescue with a contribution of over twelve thousand pesos—quite notable help.

The Grand Lodge maintains a modest Scholarship Fund with excellent results.

Details of the furnishing of the new Plaridel Masonic Temple indicate that Masonic Bodies and individual Masons have been consistently generous in supporting this monument to Masonry in the Islands. Twenty lodges meet in the Temple.

A fine appeal by the Senior Grand Lecturer for uniformity in working, vitally necessary in a country where several races intermingle in the Lodge Room, should have the desired effect.

A common complaint appears when the Chairman of the Library Committee bemoans the fact that his books are not being used. Cheer up, Bros. Tatton and Anguelles. Remember it is the little leaven which leaveneth the lump!

Two Masons, M. W. Bro. Rafael Palma and Bro. Camilo Osias, are recorded as first and second prize winners in a biography contest held under the auspices of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

The Grand Oration by W. Bro. Henry Gilhouser deals largely with Freemasonry as it concerns the Philippines and is a sincere document.

Masons in the Philippines are much concerned with the promotion of religious toleration in the Islands. It is apparent they have a dour and insidious war on their hands but seem to be capably holding their own.

The Proceedings of seventy Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed by Wor. Bro. A. E. Tatton and among the reviews Alberta receives generous and friendly mention.

There are the usual statistical tables showing that Philippine Masonry struggles upward, conscientiously and enthusiastically in the best traditions of the Order.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Manila, January 23rd, 1940.

Lodges, 101. Membership, 5,450. Gain, 204.

Grand Master—Clark James, Manila.

Grand Secretary—Antonio Gonzalez, Manila.

A. M. M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

M. W. Bro. Donald Baker, Grand Master, opened the Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in Charlottetown on June 28th, 1939.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present and distinguished visitors from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were welcomed.

Alberta's representative, V. W. Bro. G. R. Bradey, G.D.C., was present.

There was a decrease in the number of deaths, 18 being reported including M. W. Bro. Kemp, P.G.M., a Mason for more than 50 years and for 13 years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of P.E.I.

In his address the Grand Master refers to the share P.E.I. had in entertaining Their Majesties, King George the Sixth and Queen Elizabeth. The visit of distinguished officers of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland was also reported.

A detailed report of these historical events was given by M. W. Bro. Ives, P.G.M., who was chairman on Prince Edward Island's Bi-Centenary Celebration.

The Grand Secretary points out that every lodge had performed some degree work, there was an increase in restorations, and affiliations, fewer deaths, but an increase in dimits and suspensions, which resulted in a net decrease.

The Grand Lecturer is quoted as follows: "I consider our lodges today are qualified to pass from the school of theatrical ritual to the university of Masonic history and Masonic symbolism and that more time might well be spent in tracing the relationship which actually exists between our literal translations of the ritual and the deep and profound meanings that lie hidden in our ceremonies, every scene and every act of which from our first alarm at the outer portal to our final rising from a dead level to a living perpendicular is pregnant with a philosophy worthy of our deepest study."

M. W. Bro. Pidgeon, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodges

of Sweden, Norway and the National Grand Lodge of Denmark. His recommendation was approved.

He criticises the uneducated Mason for not learning "What Masonry is actually doing." He says that while this information is not published in the newspapers it may be learned from reading Masonic literature and reports that may be found through lodge channels.

The 1940 communication is to be held in Charlottetown.

15 Lodges. 1,075 Members. Net decrease, 9.

Grand Master—Harlan P. Pound, Stanley Bridge.

Grand Secretary—Chas. M. Williams, Charlottetown.

W.D.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal, on February 8th, 1939, with M. W. Bro. Duncan McLellan, Grand Master, on the Throne.

Six Past Grand Masters out of eight were in attendance. Alberta's Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. C. E. Christie, was present.

Two special meetings of the Grand Lodge were held in the Town of Bedford. The first, to lay the Corner Stone of the New Masonic Temple and the second, to consecrate the building.

The Grand Master in his address quotes from a statement issued by the United Grand Lodge of England from which we except:

"While English Freemasonry thus inculcates in each of its members the duties of loyalty and citizenship, it reserves to the individual the right to hold his own opinion with regard to public affairs. But neither in any lodge, nor at any time in his capacity as a Freemason, is he permitted to discuss or to advance his views on theological or political questions.

"The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic state policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between one government and another, or between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government.

"The Grand Lodge is aware that there do exist Bodies, styling themselves Freemasons, which do not adhere to these principles, and while that attitude exists the Grand Lodge of England refuses absolutely to have any relations with such Bodies or to regard them as Freemasons."

The complete statement issued by the Grand Lodge of England could be perused with advantage by every Mason.

M. W. Bro. McLellan was present at the Bi-Centenary Celebration of the founding of the first Masonic Lodge in Canada at Anapolis Royal in Nova Scotia. He also accompanied the overseas delegation in visits to the Grand Lodges in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Ontario.

The Grand Master refused a dispensation permitting a lodge to readmit a dimitted brother, by a resolution of the lodge, without the formality of an application, for the reason that it is the inalienable right of every member to determine who shall become a member of the lodge by a secret ballot, as specified in the Constitution.

The above will be of interest to some Alberta brethren, who think otherwise, but we endorse this decision.

We read with much pleasure the address of the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. F. Scott Mackenzie.

The review of Proceedings is by M. W. Bro. E. A. Evans. He devotes one page to Alberta.

It is interesting to note that the average membership of lodges is 140, while in Alberta it is only 70.

93 Lodges. Membership, 13,868. Decrease, 128.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Duncan McLellan.

Grand Secretary—M. W. Bro. Walter W. Williamson.

M.M.D.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

The Proceedings under review are those of the Semi-annual Communication of November 21st, 1938, and of the Annual Communication held on May 15th, 1939, this being the One Hundred and Forty-ninth of its kind. The attendance at the latter was 308, of whom 75 were delegates of lodges who attended in person out of a possible total of 135, being three for each of the 45 lodges in the jurisdiction. Number of lodges increased by two in the year, while membership on the whole decreased by 463.

There are several biographies included in the reports, being those of the Grand Master and of several deceased brethren, and it is of interest to observe to what distant dates the families can trace their beginning in New England. It is also remarkable what long lives are accorded to our brethren in Rhode Island. There is a practice here of awarding 50 year veterans' medals, and during the year twenty brethren received this distinction.

In his address the Grand Master remarks, "Like all other Grand Masters I find that the year was all too short to complete the programme"—a warning to those who consider it essential to change Grand Masters each year irrespective of circumstances and conditions.

The Grand Master also refers to a conference of Grand Masters of American and Canadian Grand Lodges held in Washington in

February, 1939, at which, among other very interesting subject discussed, it was thought necessary to re-define the nature and purposes of Freemasonry, the result being a "Declaration of Principles" which is worth the attention of Masonic students.

On the occasion of the celebration of the bi-centennial of Masonry in Canada held in Nova Scotia, the Grand Master was present and alludes to it as "the outstanding event of the year."

The financial condition of some of the lodges is giving the Grand Master some concern, and he says that "they must learn to live within their income." The alternative of increasing the income if occasion demands it, is not mentioned, and as lodges in Rhode Island have as a rule a large membership it would not be likely to involve any great burden on any individual. Judging by the attendance at the various celebrations there is no lack of Masonic spirit to appeal to in such connection.

In Rhode Island the body which corresponds to what we in Alberta call the "Board of Benevolence" is called the "Masonic Home Fund." It derived its income from a tax on candidates of \$705.00, and of \$5,439.00 from interest and profits. There are no voluntary contributions. The amount expended in relief is \$3,622.00, and there was carried over at the end of the year a surplus of \$1,709.00 out of current income. The amounts granted to each individual or family receiving relief seem pitifully inadequate unless supplemented from other sources. With such a large surplus; with no evidence of any sacrifice by voluntary effort, and with a prospect of a considerable increase of income in the future from a bequest maturing, it would seem that room exists for a more generous expression of charity. One of the earlier bequests is contingent on a Masonic Home being established by December 31, 1945, and already this has become a large sum through accrued interest re-invested.

The matter of unpaid dues referred to in last report was settled this year by a Constitutional amendment which brings the practice in Rhode Island into line with that of Alberta, viz.—A member two years in arrears is now automatically suspended, or as the expression used "struck from the roll". The total of dues outstanding for two years and more as presented to the Grand Lodge is \$67,267.00, of which \$24,691.00 is in the category of being five years and more overdue.

It would appear that when a brother stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues wishes reinstatement, but is unable to pay the whole amount in arrears, such reinstatement can only take place when Grand Lodge gives its consent. Otherwise all arrears must be paid.

The abuse of the privilege of obtaining Life Membership and consequent exemption from paying of dues receives consideration from the Committee on Charters and By-Laws.

The Reports of Lodge Treasurers are submitted to a Committee of Grand Lodge, whose report is very exhaustive. It recommends the adoption of the Budget plan to the several lodges as a means of keeping within the annual income, and mentions:

"That the most expensive item of entertainment seems to be 'Ladies Nights' which are invariably a decided cost to the Lodge."

The Grand Master and his Deputies are to be commended for the serious view that they take of their duties, and for the sacrifices that they make in the performance of the same. As compensation in part they receive loyal and enthusiastic support from the body of the Craft.

W.R.D.

SASKATCHEWAN

An Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held on the 29th day of July, 1938, to receive a visit from the Overseas Visitors who were in Canada to attend the 200th Anniversary of Masonry in this Dominion.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Martin, who addressed Grand Lodge, welcomed the Distinguished Visitors and reviewed the History of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan from the inception of Kinistino Lodge in Prince Albert in 1879 to the present. He reminded Grand Lodge that there was a Benevolent Fund of \$350,000.00 and that approximately \$200,000.00 had been expended over a period of years.

R. W. Bro. General Sir Francis J. Davies, Deputy Grand Master of England, R. W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland and M. W. Bro. Sir Norman A. Orr Ewing, Grand Master of Scotland, replied in turn to the address of welcome. These distinguished brethren were attended by a number of Grand Lodge Officers from their respective Grand Jurisdictions.

The visitors were afterwards entertained to a luncheon and a dinner with a drive around the City of Regina.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge convened in the City of Regina on Wednesday, June 21st, 1939, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. C. Burton, on the Throne.

Seventeen of the twenty-three Past Grand Masters were in attendance. This was a splendid representation. W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, Grand Representative of Alberta, was not present.

Bro. W. J. Patterson, Premier of Saskatchewan, and Mayor Ellison, of Regina, welcomed the delegates.

It will be of interest to Albertans to read that Kinistino Lodge No. 1 at Prince Albert celebrated its 60th Anniversary. The Grand Master, in his address, referring to Kinistino Lodge, says:

"It is a matter of gratification that from this start we have today 198 lodges on our rolls, and between 12,000 and 13,000 members, and I sincerely hope that in the years that are to come Masonry in Saskatchewan will continue to make steady progress, both in the number of its lodges and membership, and that its teaching will take a strong hold upon its members that will be displayed in their daily lives."

Referring to England we excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"In my conversations with Sir Francis Davies, the Deputy Grand Master of England, I gained the following: That the great growth in recent years of Masonry in England was due to their policy of encouraging a large number of lodges with a limited membership of from 70 to 100. He explained that this policy had been found to be very effective in building up their lodges, by placing many in the larger cities within a comparatively small territory. As a result, the members knew each other, and a spirit of friendship and acquaintanceship was easily built up. That in lodges of this size, there was good scope for promotion and that all the ambitious members had a chance of getting through the chairs. Another reason he gave for the large increase in their numbers was the fact that in England their Grand Lodge had discouraged the formation of other so-called higher Masonic Bodies, and that therefore their members did not have their interest divided or facing an accumulated financial obligation, but gave their full attention and zeal to the Craft."

The Grand Master ruled: That it is not permissible to applaud any part of ritualistic work.

The Committee on Masonic Education had the following papers written, and published in the Proceedings:

"October—The Ideal Mason, based on a study of the Final Charge in Ceremony of Installation."

"November—'Condition of World Masonry', based on report of Grand Lodge Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"December—'Masonry and the Christmas Spirit'.

"January—Patriotic Night, 'Freemasonry's Opportunity Today'.

"February—Past Masters' Night, 'The Humble Representative of King Solomon'.

"March—Great Masons Series, 'Mozart'.

"April—Grand Lodge Night, 'What is Grand Lodge'?

"May—Benevolent Fund Night.

"June—'Darkness to Light', according to 1°.

"September—'Ornaments of a Lodge'."

M. W. Bro. W. M. Martin reviews Alberta very fully.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. H. M. Underhill.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Robert A. Tate.

198 Lodges. Membership, 12,511. Decrease, 144.

M.M.D.

SCOTLAND

Perhaps the outstanding event in Scottish Freemasonry in 1939 was the presentation of Honorary membership to H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the hands of M. W. Bro. Sir Norman A. Orr Ewing, Grand Master Mason.

In his reply The Duke of Kent said in part:

"I appreciate this early opportunity of testifying, as Grand Master of England, that the bonds which have united our two Grand Lodges for more than two centuries are closer today than ever before. Freemasonry at all times is an important factor in the lives of a large number of our people. In times of stress it plays an even greater part, for it provides the means of fraternal association which gives us endurance to carry the burdens placed upon us, and faith and courage to face the future."

The quaint wording of some of the reports to Grand Lodge is always a source of interest to a student of philology. How many of us know the exact meaning of such phrases as: "the Grand Treasurer's Intromissions"; "The Income effeiring to Grand Lodge"; "dues of Intrants"; "the Vidimus of the income and expenditure"?

The reports of the Provincial Grand Masters, corresponding as near as may be to our District Deputy Grand Masters, are models of brevity, the longest requiring a page and a half in the printed Proceedings and the shortest, eleven lines.

Permission is given certain lodges in Western Australia owing allegiance to Scotland to discuss the steps necessary to transfer their affiliation to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

Presumably on account of the war the annual celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew is abandoned.

The receipt of copies of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges is acknowledged but there is no comment on their contents.

Grand Master—The Rt. Hon. Viscount Traprain.

Grand Secretary—T. G. Winning, Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh

A.M.M.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

M. W. Bro. His Honor Mr. Justice Napier, LL.B., presided at the Semi-Annual Communication, October 19th, 1938, and the Annual Session, April 19th, 1939.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Philps, P.G.W., and present President of the Board of General Purposes, Alberta's representative, was present at both sessions.

The Board reported at the Semi-annual Communication that the net losses had been growing less since 1933 and this year was the first since 1930 that an increase was shown.

They recommended the adoption of the Statement of Aims and Principles of Freemasonry as compiled by the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Master, in his address, said: "It should be understood that Freemasonry as we know it, inculcates the duties of religion, loyalty and citizenship, as duties of a personal character. It does not and must never attempt to dictate to its members any particular course of action in relation to political questions or rival theories of government. It admonishes us to seek truth, to do justice and to exercise charity toward all men. But beyond directing our attention to the V. of the S.L. it leaves and we must leave, the individual to work out the practical application of its precepts."

M. W. Bro. Napier intimated his intention to retire from the chair after more than 10 years as Grand Master and Pro Grand Master.

At the Annual Session the Grand Registrar questions the right of lodges to supply regalia without cost to initiates. He claims this is a remission of a portion of the initiation fee.

The Board of General Purposes condemns certain practices which some lodges are adopting without authority, such as the use of a form of ritual at festive boards, the addition of "adventitious aids" by some lodges in the working of degrees and the addition of such offices as Deputy Chaplain, Assistant Treasurer, etc., to the list of officers. Such procedure is unauthorized and is considered unnecessary.

Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge Aplina of Switzerland.

Ninety-four have been removed from the rolls by death, including M. W. Bro. Grundy, in his 90th year, and other Grand Lodge Past Officers.

The Deputy Grand Inspector thinks lodge visiting, while important, can be overdone, owing to the limitations in the hospitality some lodges can offer. It is the opinion of this reviewer that visiting, if done in the proper spirit, should not tax the hospitality of any lodge and the benefits accruing to both visited and visitor should far exceed any hardships involved.

M. W. Bro. Andrew Douglass Young was installed to succeed M. W. Bro. Napier as Grand Master on April 26th, 1939.

In his address he referred to M. W. Bro. Napier's injunction to "Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly" and enlarged on the statement as follows: "Justice, the fair portion to which a man may be entitled, in act as well as in word. Mercy, the quality that eases Justice itself and Walk Humbly, not with a smug humility but with a thankful heart in the knowledge that the G.A.O.T.U. is watching over us and the great and noble Order of which we are so proud."

In his review of Alberta's 1938 Proceedings, R. W. Bro. Philips comments on M. W. Bro. Hartman's appeal for relief and quotes from the Grand Master's address.

154 Lodges. 13,432 Members. Increase, 112.

Grand Master—A. D. Young, Brookman Bldg., Grenfell St., Adelaide.

Grand Secretary—R. Owen Fox, Freemasons' Hall, North Tce., Adelaide.

W.D.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held in Mitchell, on June 13th, 14th and 15th, 1939.

M. W. Bro. William H. Hirsch, Grand Master, presided and there were fourteen Past Grand Masters present. Alberta's representative, Bro. A. C. Warner, was present.

Bro. W. J. Hutcheson, personal representative of the Grand Master of North Dakota, distributed to the Grand Officers the jewels of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, now the property of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The jewels were worn by the Grand Officers during the Communication.

In an excellent report M. W. Bro. Hirsch gives some intelligent instruction to the members as to what is expected of them at the Annual Communications. He said:

"I want to assure you, my brethren, that this is your Grand Lodge and as a member thereof you should contribute to its welfare. Your opinion on any subject before us is of value; and we lose the value of your advice and counsel if you withhold your contribution. We attempt to arrive at what is best for the fraternity as a whole and for that reason we abide by the decision of the majority.

"It is my desire that each member of the Grand Lodge here present shall thoroughly understand each matter presented for action. If he does not understand any motion, resolution or report I want him to ask to have it more clearly expressed. Each member has the right to take the floor for the purpose of expressing his opinion for or against any proposition. It is expected that he will do so. However, let us not engage in useless debate lest we be detained too long. Therefore, let each member present listen intently, reason carefully, speak charitably and vote intelligently."

The advice is particularly suitable for members attending their first Grand Lodge, but most of us could study it with profit to ourselves and to Grand Lodge.

It was a great disappointment to the Grand Lodge to be without the presence of M. W. Bro. George V. Ayres, who passed away just two weeks earlier. Had he lived it would have been Bro. Ayres's proud privilege to be present on the 50th anniversary of his installation as Grand Master. He was the first Grand Master of South Dakota following the division of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory and he subscribed the first \$100.00 to the Grand Charity Fund and was its guiding hand during the fifty years since its establishment. Bro. Ayres was 86.

M. W. Bro. Hirsch again stressed the important fact that Grand Lodge charitable funds should not be used until the Mason's private charity and the lodge's funds had first made their contribution.

Bro. Hirsch pointed out the undesirability of members of the Craft circulating petitions condemning methods of government and events in other countries.

Two lodges had surrendered charters during the year and there were a number of others which should be consolidated in the best interests of their members and of the Craft.

Ritualistic instruction had been increased and a high standard had been reached under a Board of Custodians.

The Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Memorial Association were endorsed.

Bro. Hirsch favored a mid-year meeting of Grand Lodge officers, of D.D.G.M.'s and of all Grand Lodge Boards and Committees.

Twenty-two 50 year medals were approved and a formal presentation ceremony was authorized.

Grand Lodge finances were in good condition, a small loss being shown on the year's operations. \$3,000.00 of Kingdom of Denmark 6's of 1942 were among the investments. Let's hope that they were exchanged or sold before April 9, 1940!

M. W. Bro. W. J. Breckenridge, Grand Master of Nebraska, was present and in his address told of what must be a unique experience. This was his story: M. W. Bro. Henry H. Wilson, of Nebraska, retired dean of the Law School of the University of Nebraska, taught John J. Pershing in law school years ago. He also conferred part, if not all, of the Masonic degrees on John J. Pershing. Last fall he was in Tucson, Arizona, and the lodge called a meeting. Bro. Wilson had the pleasure at that meeting of presenting to Gen. John J. Pershing, whom he had made a Mason 50 years before, a fifty year button.

The Committee on General Activity had a number of charts on display showing the location of the constituent lodges and other facts. One of especial interest was a graph of the membership during the 49 years of the Grand Lodge's history.

In 1938 the Grand Lodge adopted as its official apron an apron of white lambskin with a border of deep purple and a matching cord. The Committee on Clothing, Jewels and Furniture recommended that the gold embroidered aprons be retired and their use discontinued.

An amendment was adopted making it obligatory on all newly raised Master Masons to pass a satisfactory examination in the Master Mason degree before receiving a Master Mason's apron.

Plural membership was also adopted.

Another amendment was adopted permitting any lodge to confer any or all of the degrees on a candidate of the requesting lodge which may be within or without the Grand jurisdiction.

Extensive amendments to the penal code and to the trial procedure were adopted.

No reviews of Foreign Proceedings are included in the printed report.

Bro. Hirsch was presented with a beautiful gold watch as some recognition of his valuable work during the year.

Lodges, 172. Membership, 14,478. Loss, 584.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Chas. C. Smith, Watertown.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls.

F.P.G.

TASMANIA

The documents reviewed are the report of the Forty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held on February 18th, 1939, and of the Semi-Annual Communication held on August 26th, 1939, with those of Special Communications held on January 15th and September 27th of same year.

The Order in Tasmania suffered from the loss by death of a valued and esteemed member in R. W. Bro. H. L. Payne, who was representative of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Tasmania. The Grand Master, in beautiful and pathetic words, moved a resolution himself, expressing the feelings of the Craft at their loss and embodying appreciation of the character of the deceased brother which was expressed in a period of 42 years unselfish service to his fellow man through Masonic channels. His place as representing Alberta was taken by V. W. Bro. A. H. Weedon.

The Constitution was amended to provide that in the case of affiliating members who have not been resident in Tasmania for a period of two years a satisfactory report must be obtained from the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction from which he comes before a ballot is taken.

In Australia and New Zealand the several Masonic Grand Bodies meet in conference from time to time, with the object of having uniformity in constitutional requirements and procedure so far as such is possible and desirable. The above mentioned amendment is one of the results of such a conference. Three other matters were dealt with by confirming the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes, but not involving any amendment to the Constitution. These had relation to (1) Masonic Education, (2) Conferring of degrees by lodges in sister jurisdictions, and (3) Visiting lodges in sister jurisdictions.

Both the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolence pay tribute to the generous spirit prevailing amongst the Craft as shown by the fact that the voluntary contributions of individuals and lodges was over half as much as those amounts paid in assessments by Grand Lodge.

And the Grand Master calls attention to the fact that the income for Benevolence exceeds the requirements to such an extent that 26 per cent of it is being "put away". And he suggests that instead of investing this money that it be diverted into other channels of current outlay. He concludes with the words:

"It is essential that the Benevolent Fund should have ample reserves. But there is no need to hoard."

The intensity of the spirit of sacrifice in Tasmania is the result of inspiring leadership as shown in two orations delivered by leading members of the Craft in which high ideals are held before the brethren and warnings are uttered. To quote from one of them:

"Masonry, therefore is more than an institution, it is an idea, and we must see that the idea is not allowed to drop into the background, but that the institution serves and furthers the idea. Edward Caird, in one of his works on the evolution of religion summed up some movements in this penetrating judgment: 'The Idea creates

the institution, and the institution crushes the idea'. Our Institution must be more than a degree factory, much more than a social club. . . . remembering that for which we exist and the contribution we can make through the development of character and the offering of sacrificial service to the peace and progress of the world."

Included in the Proceedings is the pronouncement of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland setting forth the aims of Freemasonry, and defining the principles governing its relations with the other Grand Lodges of the world.

W.R.D.

TENNESSEE, 1939

One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Communication held at Nashville, January 25th and 26th, 1939. R. W. Bro. Lindsay Brassfield Phillips, D.G.M., Acting Grand Master, presiding.

The Acting Grand Master expressed his deep sorrow that "the call to a fuller service in the Great Beyond" on August 24th, 1938, of M. W. Grand Master Charles Harvey McKinney should have rendered it necessary for him to make the address. He also regretfully alludes to the death on May 26th, 1938, of M. W. Bro. William Roy Holland, P.G.M.

Prior to his death, Grand Master McKinney had prepared a record of his activities in that capacity and the Acting Grand Master was thereby enabled to have these chronicled.

Correspondence relating to a request from the "Association of Men with Wings" seeking co-operation in distributing petitions to lodges in his Jurisdiction, looking towards the return of the original Wright Brothers' Airplane from England, having been referred to the Acting Grand Master for consideration, his opinion was that "it would be a bad precedent to set and that, however patriotic and laudable, it was not 'Masonic' work by any process of reasoning."

The Acting Grand Master acknowledges a small net loss in membership for the year but, he states, "we should constantly bear in mind that the respectability and usefulness of our subordinate lodges does not consist in the number but in the character of their members"; "we need", he continues, "have no fear of going backward so long as those who guide the Fraternity, not only in the Grand Lodge but also in our subordinate lodges, revere and place their trust in Almighty God and are impressed with and influenced by the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

M. W. Bro. Peeler presents his review of sixty-seven other Grand Jurisdictions, among which is included Alberta Proceedings for 1938. He states the reports "are full of history, moral precepts and examples and codes of high standing for the guidance and lives of the brethren."

Lodges, 404. Membership, 36,337.

M. W. Grand Master—Lindsay Brassfield Phillips, Memphis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Thomas E. Doss, Nashville.

S.G.B.

TENNESSEE, 1940

One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication held at Nashville, January 31st and February 1st, 1940. M. W. Bro. Lindsay Brassfield Phillips, Grand Master, presiding.

The Gavel used by the M. W. Grand Master on this occasion was made from poplar wood taken from the Guilford Battlefield, near Greensboro, North Carolina, and this instrument will eventually be placed in the Masonic Museum at Greensboro.

The Grand Master's address urges his brethren to bear in mind that the problems of human society are ever changing and shifting; that as life flows on change is inevitable; that all social institutions must be able to adapt themselves to the shifting conditions that ceaselessly come with the passing of the years. It is true, states he, of the institutions of government and industry—of the institutions of education and religion—and of institutions like Masonry, and he exhorts them to "study how to make Masonry function more effectively amid the perplexities of today, and strengthen it for its labors in the inevitable difficulties of the unknown tomorrow". "With faith and zeal and courage" he appeals to them to "plan and labor . . . to make our Institution the positive force for righteousness and peace and brotherhood that it ought to be, seeking wisdom and guidance in our efforts from Him whom we revere and serve."

The Grand Master's report discloses a strenuous term of office and he was called upon to give a number of official rulings which, in the main, received the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee. Liquor, being contentious in that Jurisdiction, prompted the question "What is meant by 'Beer that is intoxicating in fact'?" And his keen legal mind ruled, with approval, that "beer or liquor containing sufficient amount of alcohol to cause any person to become intoxicated" is within the ban of Tennessee Masonic law. Another question was whether a member who had made application for license to engage in the liquor business as a partner, but not to stay at the place of business or have anything to do with the business—other than share in the profits thereof, would be violating Masonic Law. The ruling was—and who could quarrel with it—that he would be just as much engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor as if he were behind the counter making sales and deliveries to customers. How some brethren will trespass upon the Grand Master's time!

The Report of Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, submitted by M. W. Bro. Peeler, covers 65 reviews. "Many things of great information and unusual interest have been omitted because of lack of space" he regretfully admits—a regret which will be shared by most reviewers. Our 1939 Proceedings have been liberally dealt with, and the absence from that Annual Communication of the Grand Representative of Tennessee has caught the attention of the reviewer.

Lodges, 404. Membership, 36,091.

M. W. Grand Master—Paul Fisher Lanius, Nashville

R. W. Grand Secretary—Thomas E. Doss, Nashville.

S. G. B.

TEXAS

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Texas convened its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication in the City of Waco, on Wednesday, December 6th, 1939, with M. W. Bro. Lee Lockwood, Grand Master, presiding.

Following their usual custom a very entertaining programme was presented for the benefit of the members and visitors of Grand Lodge, held prior to the opening of the Session at which addresses of welcome were extended and musical selections enjoyed.

We again regret to note that the Representative for Alberta failed to answer the roll call. Does he not value the distinction conferred on him?

A very interesting and unique manner of receiving the Past Grand Masters was followed. The first to be presented to the Grand Master was R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, the Dean of P.G.M.'s, who, on being escorted to the East was presented with the Gavel, and each in turn, as each succeeding Past Grand Master was presented and invited to the East, tendered the gavel to the latter, each Past Grand Master presiding over the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas until the gavel was accepted by the succeeding Past Grand Master presented.

Past Grand Master Fly attended fifty-four out of fifty-five Annual Communications, (a record surely to be proud of) and before surrendering the gavel to his successor at this communication he presented Grand Lodge with a Square and Compass for the Bible, a gift of the Grand Master in memory of his father, an honored member of this Grand Lodge.

We derived a great deal of pleasure from the reading of the Address of Grand Master Lee Lockwood. He reports that there has been a steady increase in the initiating, passing and raising of candidates; a large number have been re-instated and some two thousand have affiliated with constituent lodges. He exhorts the brethren to be extremely careful in the choice of candidates and to encourage that fire of enthusiasm which prompts so many to join our Fraternity.

At the Grand Masters' conference it was suggested that each Grand Jurisdiction at its next Grand Lodge communication adopt a "Declaration of Principles". These principles are set forth in the Proceedings and give in a clear and succinct manner the "creed" of Masonry which all Masons would do well to read and understand.

Texas has 121 District Deputies which would seem to be sufficient, but the Grand Master points out that there should be an increase in the number as some Deputies have to serve as many as twenty-seven lodges. Such is the vastness of this Jurisdiction that the Grand Master recommended that a special committee be appointed with a view to remedying this situation.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to enable the Grand Master, his officers and brethren to lay the foundation stone of a new dormitory being constructed at the Methodist Home in Waco.

At the reception of the Grand Representatives, following his usual custom, it fell to the lot of M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly to reply for the Grand Representatives and as always he has something to say and tells it in a very convincing fashion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to "National Grand Lodge of Columbia, seat at Cartagena"; and also to "National Grand Lodge of Colombia, seat at Barranquilla" and that an exchange of Representatives be authorized and requested.

A very excellent report is submitted by the Committee of Masonic Service and Education. Its activities are somewhat extensive displaying many avenues of opportunity for Masonic endeavour, but in the limited space at our disposal attention can only be drawn to the matter.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges in fraternal relations with Texas is once more from the pen of M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., and while he does not attempt any special foreword he states that he seeks to give the salient points that each volume presents in the world of Masonry. His treatment of Alberta is indeed very generous and we thank him for his kindly personal references.

M. W. Grand Master—Leo. Hart.

W.I.

UTAH

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City on Monday, September 27, 1939, at 10:00 a.m. M. W. Bro. Harold Russell Waldo, Grand Master, presided.

Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present and among the distinguished guests are noted the Grand Master of Nevada and the Grand Secretary of Wyoming. We miss the name of M. W. Bro. A. E. Everhardt, Alberta's Grand Representative, from among those present, though his name appears many times on committees. Twenty-six lodges were represented by their three principal officers.

From the Grand Master's address we note that total membership and some lodge finances still make excursions into the red, though on the whole the condition of Masonry in Utah is very satisfactory. It is quite evident on reading the Grand Master's address that he has every cause to be satisfied with the quality of Masonry in Utah. We note he refers to a lodge with only eighteen members undertaking a building project some ten years ago costing \$6,500.00. They paid the last installment this year, handing the Grand Master a cheque for \$200.00 on the occasion of his visit.

The Grand Master is able to record that he visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and his principal visit outside the jurisdiction was to the Washington Conference, which he covers quite extensively in his address.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the net loss in membership to be 44, leaving a total membership of 4,467 for the year.

In Masonic Charity twenty-two lodges are shown as disbursing \$5,569.00.

From the Grand Secretary's report of the Conference of Grand Secretaries held in Washington, we quote the following as subjects presented:

What can the Grand Secretary do to encourage reinstatement of brethren suspended for N.P.D.?

What limitations should be placed on the privileges of non-affiliates?

How to secure attendance at lodge communications.

The Masonic situation in Europe.

Should Masonic principles be published? If so, how?

Is the statement, "Once a Mason, always a Mason" true? Apparently those conferences are worth while.

The Grand Secretary records that this is his twenty-fifth year as Grand Correspondent and his eighteenth as Grand Secretary. A grand record of faithful work.

The reading of the Fraternal Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Goodwin is always a pleasure and those in the 1939 Proceedings are no exception. Alberta is well reviewed. Commenting on the address of the Lieut.-Governor, or that part of it referring to "forces being at work that tend to the disintegration in the nine provinces", he writes: "Such goings on are not confined to the nine provinces as is well known. Taking advantage of our laws which guarantee freedom of speech and press and assembly, these subtle vicious agents while enjoying the protection our laws afford, use every means in their power to weaken the loyalty and patriotism of our young people and sow the seeds of discontent and strife and revolution among those who nurse grievances, some real but more imaginary, for the purpose of overthrowing our form of government and we keep men in public office and in our National Law-making body who make sport of those who endeavor to discover and inform the people of the work of these insidious dangerous forces."

Yes, we would say that the whole world has become aware of these forces. The examples of Norway, Denmark, Belgium and France have torn the scales from our eyes and Masons should do more than reflect that Masonry has been driven from Western Europe with the one exception of Switzerland, and if the radio report from Europe tonight is to be believed even Switzerland has found it necessary to suspend Masonry in the land, thus making a complete "Blackout".

M. W. Grand Master—William Littlejohn.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Sam Goodwin, P.G.M.

W.B.

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VERMONT

The Proceedings reviewed are those of an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont held on October 19th, 1938, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of the late M. W. Bro. Olin W. Daley, who was the Grand Master nearly forty years ago. And the Proceedings of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Communication held at Burlington, June 14th, 1939. At this latter there were present 300 members of whom 243 were representatives of lodges; there were 88 lodges represented, and 15 lodges were not represented. Bro. Chas. H. Darling, represented the Grand Lodge of Alberta as usual.

In the course of a long and interesting address the Grand Master under the heading of "Masonic Charity" draws attention to a great change in public psychology. To quote his words:

"Almost universal custom has taken away what was once considered a disgrace in receiving public funds."

He also quotes a reference to the same subject from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Utah. The recommendation in both cases is the same: "That full use be made of all the State and National sources of income and thus relieve the pressure on Masonic Funds so that the latter can be wholly devoted to cases where no public assistance can be obtained, or to supplement the same where inadequate." This view is sanctioned in the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and while it is to be commended it leaves the feeling that a very narrow interpretation is put on the word charity, and that the sole source of the latter is the dwindling proceeds of invested funds contributed by brethren long since dead, while forgetting the spirit of sacrifice for others by living persons which a broad interpretation of the word entails.

In his address to the District Lodges the Grand Master describes the functions of Grand Lodge and the mechanism of its procedure, which address he gave at every District Meeting and which is printed in the Proceedings. It will undoubtedly enlighten many minds, and no doubt as to its wisdom can be entertained, but it contains a catalogue of "The Ancient Landmarks" which is not likely to receive the same general acceptance, as it deals with the symbols of the Ancient Landmarks rather than with the things or doctrines symbolized.

Mention is also made by the Grand Master of the meeting of Grand Masters held at Washington during the year, and in especial of the "Declaration of Principles" adopted by that body. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who, while adopting the measure "in principle", recommend deferring consideration of the matter for a year and suggesting that the words or wording be altered.

It is recommended both in the Grand Master's address and in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence that the Committee on Masonic Education be discontinued, and as that body again makes a negative report it would seem that this decision is wise. The reason given for the change is that the Masonic Service Association is furnishing all the matter that is required. But it is significant that one of the District Deputy Grand Masters in his report says that "use commensurate with its importance is not being made of the material furnished."

Would it not be better for local bodies to persist in their efforts to develop local talent, and correct the danger of "canned Masonry" appearing and growing.

The Committee on Masonic History makes its first report and appears to be approaching its task with vigour and sincerity. The result of their work will undoubtedly be of interest and value to those who succeed us, and it is hoped that the example of the Grand Lodge of Vermont will be followed by all other Grand Lodges on this continent.

The various reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters indicate a lot of hard work on the part of the brethren holding that office, and they appear to receive very loyal support from the body of the Craft. During the year under review the State suffered severely from a hurricane, and mention is made both by the Grand Master and his Deputies of the sacrifices made by the brethren to attend District Meetings and other such events.

The reader of the reports gets the impression that there are a great number of "good fellows" in Vermont, and indeed one might go further and classify the Ladies of the Eastern Star in the same category. They seem to thoroughly understand the most accessible channel to a man's heart, and receive grateful recognition from all the District Deputies except one.

It would appear as if the Fifth Commandment was observed in Vermont, if the promise contained therein of having one's days long in the land be still in effect, for no less than twenty-eight medals in recognition of fifty years of membership were awarded.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles F. Dalton, was re-elected to that office, and the compiler of the Proceedings is to be congratulated on his work, for it would be an easy matter for any enquirer to find anything he wanted to know relative to Freemasonry in Vermont by reference to the same.

W.R.D.

VICTORIA

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria held its annual meeting on March 15, 1939. This being also the celebration of the Jubilee of the Grand Lodge there were more than usual present including visitors and the Communication was held in the Exhibition buildings at Melbourne. Included in the volume under review are also the proceedings of the Quarterly meetings held on June 21st, September 20th and December 30th, 1939.

The Grand Master, Lord¹Huntingfield, was present at the Annual meeting and gave his farewell address. He then obligated, installed and invested his successor M. W. Bro. W. J. Byrne.

All the various Masonic enterprises are flourishing and have received generous support from lodges, individual gifts and from bequests. Indeed the support has been so generous that with the exception of the recently established hospital all of the Institutions have been able to add considerably to their capital funds invested

besides spending large sums in assistance to the needy and distressed among the Craft.

The pronouncement of the United Grand Lodge of England recently issued and entitled the "Aims and relationships of the Craft" were embodied in the proceedings and ordered to be printed and read in all lodges.

A serious charge was made by a Rt. Worshipful Brother against the management and conduct of the affairs of the Masonic Hospital and a discussion ensued, the result of which is still in abeyance. It is difficult to see from the various reports where there can be any foundation for any such charge. The Hospital appears to be an active and useful institution having an average of 56 beds in daily occupation. A large number of operations were performed within its walls, both of a major and minor nature. The percentage of patients with Masonic connections rose from 76 at the beginning of the year to 88 at the end. The Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge pays the fees of indigent Masons and spent in this way a very large sum of money in the year under review. The Hospital shows a deficit for the period already in existence, but it appears that it was intended to operate as to be of assistance to those who would be embarrassed by paying the regular fees in other Hospitals, and the funds of Grand Lodge are being used to cover these deficits.

It is difficult to see any reason for complaint, but together with the fact that there are this year two nominations for the office of Grand Master, a thing which has not occurred for many years, and that the complaint against the Hospital is made by the brother who is opposing the present Grand Master, one gets the uneasy feeling that somewhere in the affairs of the Craft in Victoria there is a lack of harmony.

No changes were made in the Book of Constitution which are of any more than local interest, but appended to the Proceedings is a detailed report of the Fifth Australian Masonic Conference which was held in Melbourne on March 13 and 14, 1939. This body meets each five years, and while it has no powers of legislation, its recommendations carry weight with all the Australasian Grand Bodies, and are of interest to Masons all over the world. Eighteen subjects were under discussion at the current meeting and twelve recommendations were made. Two of the subjects are very familiar. That dealing with "Annual membership cards" and that dealing with the use of the word "Masonic". They appear to be afflicted in Australia as here with "Brother Meansoul" who, while unattached or unaffiliated in the jurisdiction within which he resides, visits lodges, partakes of their hospitality, claims and obtains all the privileges of the Masonic connection and environment without any financial cost to himself. It was decided to recommend the adoption of the method embodied in the Constitution of South Australia, by which a visiting brother is required to produce a clearance certificate. This has to be endorsed by an officer of the lodge visited together with its name, number and the date of the visit, the prerogative of the Master to refuse admission being protected by an appropriate clause. It was shown that this procedure had the desired effect; admitting those who were worthy while protecting the lodges from the parasite.

It appears that the word "Masonic" is prostituted in all the States by unworthy persons, and it is recommended that Grand Regis-

trars seek legal means of preventing its use except with the permission of the Grand Bodies.

Six new lodges were erected during the year, making a total of 523 with a membership of 52,063.

The Grand Representative of Alberta was present at three of the four meetings, and reviewed the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta as is the duty of all Grand Representatives in Victoria.

W.R.D.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Sixty-first Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond on the 14th February, 1939.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. James M. Hillman, presided. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were welcomed by the Grand Master.

The following distinguished visitors, the Grand Masters of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia, were presented, accompanied by several of their other Grand Lodge Officers. M. W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Past Grand Master of New York was also presented, and all were saluted according to ancient custom.

We were pleased to note that Alberta was again represented by W. Bro. F. F. Champion.

In his address to the brethren the Grand Master was most inspiring and forceful, he pointed to the necessity of "an earnest and sincere desire to exalt the abiding values of Masonry in such a way as to make Masonic truth more meaningful, if possible, both in precept and example, as expressed in the every-day life of each Mason."

He dwelt on the need to impress the outside world "by the fruit which a Masonic life produces", stating that our lives "are either a benefit or a hindrance to the ideals, the tenets, and the philosophy of Masonry", and proclaimed that the great need of Masonry was "for a more perfect practice of the principles of friendship and brotherly love in all its contacts with the every-day life of mankind."

Dealing with the every-day life of each one of us he stated that "we take too much for granted about the brotherhood of man, and do altogether too little to make it a reality." That in our various walks of life "we are too prone to idealize love and rationalize hate". And so, because of this, "the world awaits the miracle of an institution, an organization, or a government which can and will, with complete abandon, rationalize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". Therefore he suggests that the roots of Masonry must descend deeper than the top soil, even lower than the sub-soil of wishful and opportune or expedient thinking if it is to arrive at the "ultimate triumph which faith in God and love to fellow-men will eventually most surely command."

We are to be "good men and true" so that "the white heat of reality will separate the veneer from the cheaper substance which

it covers, and will reveal in the noonday sunlight of eternal truth the sheer hypocrisy of professions unsupported by performance."

The Grand Master stresses the need for according the proper measure of dignity to the office of District Deputy Grand Master, that it should not be considered just an empty honour, but rather one of *in loco magistris*, and therefore the Master in his district, executing all the local tasks. The man, rather than the position, should be considered if we are to have an efficient District Deputy.

Under the heading of "Visitations", the Grand Master refers, in most glowing terms, to his attendance at the Bi-centenary Celebration in Halifax, N.S., of the founding of the first Masonic Lodge on Canadian soil in June, 1738, and he feels that this has endeared them to the brethren of Canada so that the cement of brotherly love and affection has been firmly fixed, binding us together "as living stones in a temple of friendly, symmetrical and satisfying proportions."

He goes into the question of Masonic Education very thoroughly and urges the need for further efforts in this respect, realizing that "an informed lodge is a live one."

Space does not permit any comment on the addresses by the visiting Grand Masters, which are reported in full and contain much that is worth recording. The reports of the 58 D.D.G.M.'s contain many interesting items.

A very complete history of Freemasonry at Yorktown is given occupying some twenty-four pages. The reading of this was most interesting and brought back happy memories of a trip made last year from Washington, D.C., by boat to Old Point Comfort, thence by bus to Yorktown and Williamsburg.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Clift, in the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, gives a nice review on Alberta. He sums up the whole report by a very thoughtful and well written conclusion.

Lodges, 333. Members, 39,213. Loss, 147.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Richmond 13th February, 1940.

M. W. Grand Master—N. W. Turnbull, Jr., Victoria.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James M. Clift, Richmond.

J.M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for year ending May, 1939.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye, gave one of the most concise and informative addresses on Freemasonry that this reviewer has read for a long time. We quote the following excerpts:

"To many perhaps, the idea of mysteries that are co-eval with civilization itself may seem unfamiliar, but all the religions of the ancient world rested upon an inner meaning as well as upon an out-

ward observance of ritual. That was true of all the ancient religions of the East. There was always a statement of dogma and an observance of formula for the benefit of the people generally. This was limited to those doctrines which their minds could absorb and by which their daily lives could be helped. But at the same time there was an inner teaching in which the higher truths of religion and science were imparted to those who, by earnestness of life and purpose, had shown that they were competent to receive them. These people were called initiates and that inner teaching was given to them by way of mysteries under a vow of secrecy. The teaching was only given to those who were regarded as devotees, who were prepared to offer themselves to the service of humanity, and whose spiritual evolution could be assisted by a deeper revelation of the philosophic aspects of human life."

"The outward forms of the mysteries varied according to the country and period of their exercise, but the teaching expounded was very generally similar and the methods of imparting it ran much along the same lines."

"Secrecy in the ancient mysteries had a definite purpose and that purpose is still continued in Masonic secrecy. Even in the ordinary affairs of life knowledge is only imparted in proportion to the ability of the recipient to absorb it, and knowledge wrongly conveyed can be harmful. This is the reason why secrecy is still maintained in regard to the ancient mysteries of Freemasonry."

"There is another factor in regard to Freemasonry about which I would like to say a word or two. Recognizing the value of Masonic teaching, and the good influence it can exert what attitude should the Craft, as a Craft, adopt in regard to the political and civic life of the community. In answer to that question I would say that the Craft, as an organized institution, is definitely debarred from any interference either in politics or religion. I cannot see that any good is likely to be achieved by Masonry as an organized body taking any part in a public or denominational movement, no matter how noble and praiseworthy such might be; in fact, I am certain that any such course would be fraught with disaster and in the end would lead to discussion, strife and cleavage in our own ranks. So far as the individual Mason is concerned and the place that he should occupy as a citizen the answer is much more easily given. The basic principles of our institution are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man and these principles, combined with non interference in religion and politics, have not only distinguished the Craft in all ages but have given it a unique place in world affairs."

"He will practise outside the lodge those duties he has been taught within it, and so prove to the world how beneficial is our ancient institution in the making of a good citizen. Especially should he stand for everything that will promote good government and equal justice."

The Grand Master quoted in full the statement issued by the Grand Lodge of England as to the position of Freemasonry. He gave particulars of the increased membership of Grand Lodge. And finally this statement:

"If Freemasonry ever does disappear, it will not be through the oppression of rulers; it will be because Freemasons individually fail

to live up the standards of the Craft, and those standards may be summed up in one short phrase, 'A good life is one inspired by love and guided by reason'."

In this connection we quote a paragraph from the address of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. P. W. Harrison:

"Masonry as an institution cannot take part in affairs political or sectarian, these being entirely outside its scope. Its purpose is essentially to carry humanity onward and upward. It is the responsibility of the institution to guide the individual into good, clean, and sound thinking according to knowledge and Masonic fundamentals. It is the duty of the individual to regulate his daily conduct by his convictions, and as far as they permit to co-operate with his fellows in the pursuit of a common goal. Masonry has taught you her lessons and expects fulfilment in your lives. The great ideals proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, like the ideals of Freemasonry, should be practised to achieve accomplishment."

During the year the Grand Master suffered a serious illness which entailed his absence from one of the quarterly communications of Grand Lodge. M. W. Bro. Battye was elected for a further term as Grand Master.

On the occasion of the consecration of one of the new lodges, the distance travelled by the thirty-five brethren in attendance at the ceremony approximated fifteen thousand, three hundred miles.

Representatives of Grand Lodge attended the jubilee celebration of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales on the occasion of the proclamation of M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Gowrie for his fourth term in the presence of some six thousand brethren.

The report of the Library Committee is certainly depressing. The report says in part: "Interest in the Library is definitely on the wane. Since 1933 the circulation has gradually dropped and now shows a decrease of 57 per cent."

The general financial funds of Grand Lodge show a satisfactory increase.

We note with regret that the interest taken by the members of this Grand Lodge in the report on Foreign Correspondence has so diminished as to raise the question of the advisability of its future publication. In the committee's report the subject is discussed purely on a basis of costs. It is most surprising that a report that has for years received such generous approval throughout the other English speaking jurisdictions, a report that is always referred to as one of the most outstanding of any Grand Jurisdiction, should be regarded with such indifference by the membership of its own Grand Lodge. This reviewer, and the many others who look forward each year to the pleasure of reading R. W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon's annual review, will certainly hope that the review will be continued for many years to come.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication was held in the City of Wheeling on the 11th October, 1939, M. W. Bro. Henry Ahrens, Grand Master, presided.

M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig again represented Alberta.

The following distinguished visitors were received: M. W. Bro. Judge Needham S. Turnbull, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia; M. W. Bro. Donald J. Sargent, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and R. W. Bro. Harry E. Schramm, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Despite a physical handicap during the latter part of his year the Grand Master carried out his duties with courage and determination. He regrets that he was unable to accomplish all the many things he had planned, although he records many visits that he made to other Grand Jurisdictions and other events. He further states that he visited all sections of his own Jurisdiction and found that the slight decrease in membership was more than offset by increased interest and activities, and by real Masonic enthusiasm especially with regard to the higher and better things in Masonry.

During the year five special communications were held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of three School buildings, one College and one Church.

Under the heading of "Finances" the Grand Master referred to the outmoded system they were working under and the need for an audit and a budget to conform to modern methods of conducting business; the present method caused overlapping and confusion in the distribution of Grand Lodge funds. He recommended that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to make a survey of the whole system and make a report at the next Annual Communication with a view of remedying the situation.

In his concluding remarks the Grand Master refers to the Masonic Fraternity as the greatest potential power for doing good extant in the world today. He urges the brethren to "proclaim to the world that we but strive for the day when everlasting peace shall be established on earth, and, under God, there shall exist a true Brotherhood among men."

The Grand Secretary in his report points to the importance of the lists and records sent in by the Secretaries of lodges as they provide a very important part of the history of Grand Lodge. He states, "That the Secretary is one of the most important officers of the lodge, and the fraternity is fortunate because of the accuracy and fidelity with which they generally discharge their many duties." We heartily subscribe to these remarks and concur in the statement.

We read with pleasure the Foreword to the Report on Foreign Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., Chairman. He sums up his reading of the correspondence in the following words: "Freemasonry is accepted as a living force with emphasis laid on responsibilities entailed on all its members, collectively and individually, for the promotion and the protection of democracy in the non-partisan sense." The report for Alberta for 1938 is contained in two full pages. He quotes freely from the addresses of His Honour the Lieutenant

Governor and the Grand Master. We wish to point out however, that the Grand Master refused, not allowed, a dispensation to hold a Masonic funeral in the case of a brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues.

Lodges, 164. Members, 29,176. Loss, 382.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Parkersburg, 16th October, 1940.

M. W. Grand Master—Robert S. Lemon, Parkersburg.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Ira Wade Coffman, Charleston.

J.M.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication was held in Milwaukee on June 13th and 14th, 1939.

M. W. Bro. Clarence Hill, Grand Master, presided and seventeen Past Grand Masters were present.

The United States colors were escorted into the auditorium by a color guard. They were formally received, placed on the dais to the right of the Grand Master. The brethren stood to attention and the first verse of "America" was sung.

Alberta was not represented, but in his address the Grand Master announced his recommendation of the appointment of several Grand Lodge representatives, including Bro. Frank G. Martin of Chippewa Falls to represent Alberta. Past J.G.W. Frank E. Noyes registered his 53rd consecutive attendance at Grand Lodge.

Death had removed the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Ralph G. Flanders and Bro. John Jacobson, Grand Steward, among the active officers of Grand Lodge and Past Deputy Grand Master Wm. H. Webb.

The Grand Master had issued a unique dispensation—to hold a meeting of Prairie Du Chien Lodge No. 106 at the home of Bro. Wm. Hurd on the occasion of Bro. Hurd's 100th birthday.

During the year the elective officers of Grand Lodge had met monthly to the great advantage of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master reported.

The question of shrinkage of income concerned the Grand Master, particularly when it was due to too many life memberships. He recommended that no further exemptions from dues be permitted and that all present life members pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax to their own lodges. This recommendation was not approved by Grand Lodge.

One hundred and twenty lodges in the jurisdiction had received special instruction in groups in the work of the three degrees.

The Craft was in a healthy condition in the jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. Hill reported. The loss in membership was about half that of the previous year and the lodges were receiving more petitions than they were a year ago.

In 1939 Wisconsin has contributed \$1,900.00 to the George Washington Memorial Fund.

Seventy-one 50 year certificates were issued during the year.

Pay roll at four cents a mile and \$4.00 a day for two days' attendance at Grand Lodge came to nearly \$7,000.00.

Wisconsin pays considerable attention to the esoteric work and in addition to the special schools held during the year the three degrees of symbolic Masonry were exemplified by three different lodges on the afternoon and evening of the first day of Grand Lodge under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

Their Committee on Masonic Advancement had another active year. They were using Carl Claudy's plan of Masonic Instruction for new Masons. Circulating libraries, slides for lectures, help with Masonic plays, the printing and circulation of a monthly bulletin were other phases of their valuable activity.

208 applicants had been placed in positions by the Masonic Service Bureau.

Weak lodges were a very real problem. The Grand Master reported that there were 38 lodges with a membership of from 13 to 50. A special committee had made an exhaustive study of their records and present circumstances and suggested that the incoming Grand Master have a committee to assist him in finding some solution to the problem.

The Charity Committee again stressed the chain of responsibility of Masonic assistance. First, the individual; then the lodge to help the individual; then Grand Lodge to help the lodge. They were concerned about the low dues charged by some lodges seeking Grand Lodge assistance, some as low as \$5.00 per year.

A comprehensive and informing report on Foreign Correspondence, running to 136 pages in the Proceedings, is submitted by Past Grand Master Frank Jenks, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, but unfortunately Alberta's Proceedings are not reviewed.

Nine of the lodges in Milwaukee have memberships in excess of 1,000 each as have two lodges in Madison and two or three in other cities.

Lodges, 310. Membership, 51,888. Loss, 472.

M. W. Grand Master—George F. Lounsbury, Milwaukee.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Wm. F. Weiler, Milwaukee.

F.P.G.

WYOMING

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication was held in the City of Casper, on August 28th, 1939. M. W. Bro. Lew M. Gay presided.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters present were welcomed by the Grand Master. Amongst the thirteen Distinguished Visitors escorted to the Grand East are to be noted the Grand Masters of Montana and Colorado and Past Grand Masters from South Dakota, Oklahoma and Montana. There were 89 Past Masters present and 46 lodges sent 123 Representatives.

The Grand Master's address indicates that he has given much of his time during the year and travelled greatly, for in addition to visiting all subordinate lodges, he travelled 8,216 miles in visiting sister jurisdictions.

In speaking of official visits or "Good-will Tours" he has this to say: "We meet numerous old friends and make the acquaintance of many new ones. We hear of the achievements, the successes, the failures, obstacles and perplexities of the lodges and the individual members. We are told of their hopes, desires and expectations. We encourage, comfort and buoy up those who feel that they are on the down grade and we congratulate and felicitate those who have overcome hard trials, disturbances and afflictions. We meet every brother on the Level and treat him on the Square."

He is saddened by the thought of the condition of Masonry in Western and Central Europe, and commenting on the last four thousand years of history of the Near East and Europe with its constant wars, hatreds, jealousies, suspicions, distrusts and wish for revenge, would lay down as the foundation for Peace the practise of the "Golden Rule".

This reviewer has always believed that the Golden Rule presages HONESTY in thought, word and action, integrity in all one's dealings. Then we read "Mein Kamph" and wonder about that rule and its possibilities as a basis for peace.

On last year's referendum on dual membership, the subordinate lodges voted against the measure by a large majority.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 7,772, a net loss of 48. The Grim Reaper is responsible for the deficit as the number raised, affiliated and reinstated more than balance the loss from all other causes. Two new lodges were constituted during the year and the total now stands at 50.

The Grand Secretary is the sole reviewer of Fraternal Correspondence and his work in that respect is a pleasure to read. Alberta receives his favorable comment on its handling of relief in the drought areas in 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—William John Haines, Evanston.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

W.B.

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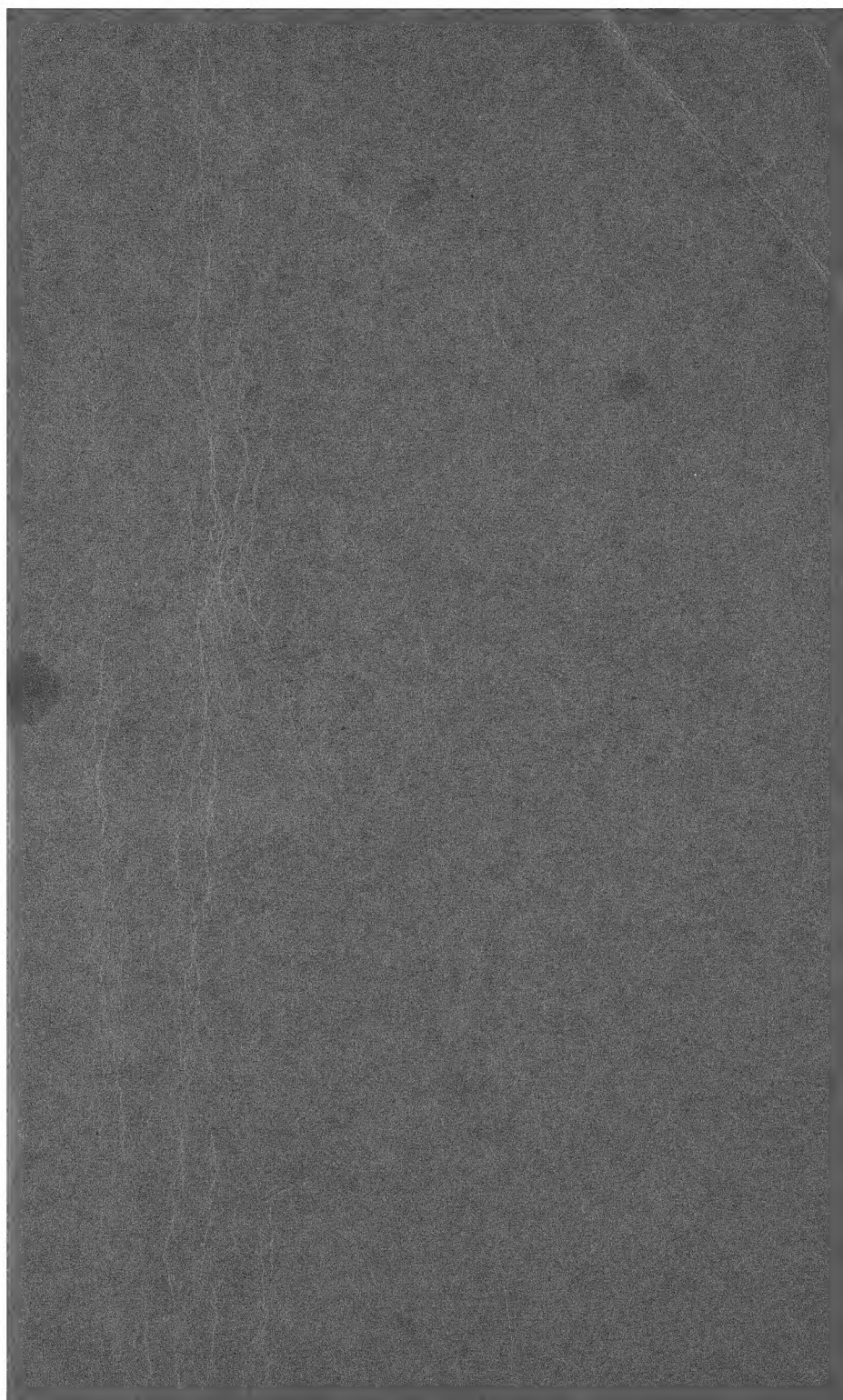
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